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## 4 killed in clashes between IDF, PA Police

### PM in Paris: Rioting was not spontaneous

ELDAD BECK  
AND HILLEL KUTTNER

A SENIOR Israeli official yesterday accused elements within the Palestinian Authority of organizing the confrontations between Palestinians and IDF forces in the West Bank.

The official said it was an organized attempt to create diplomatic pressure on the Israeli government.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in Paris that it was clear that the rioting in response to the opening of the Hasmonian Tunnel "was not spontaneous activity," but refused to directly accuse the Palestinian Authority or its chairman, Yasser Arafat, of being behind the violence.

Netanyahu phoned Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and asked him to convince Arafat to calm the situation, and Mubarak promised to do so. The two agreed to meet in the coming days to discuss the regional and bilateral tensions.

Netanyahu said he regretted the events that occurred in the West Bank and called on Palestinian leaders and other leaders in the Arab world to help calm down the situation.

"I regret these unnecessary events that will not help advance the peace process; there is no factual justification [for the riots] and no basis to the accusations, according to which we are digging tunnels under the Temple Mount," Netanyahu said.

The premier stressed that he did not believe the intifada was starting again.

"It's an attempt to put pressure on the new Israeli government, and to use the tunnel affair as an excuse to spread political threats against Israel," Netanyahu said.

According to the senior Israeli official, Israel is going through an Arab "testing period."

"The Arabs are trying to put psychological pressures on us in Lebanon and in the territories, without any connection to the progress in the negotiations. The Palestinians are facing a new situation in which, for the first time, they have to negotiate with us and not get things even before asking for them. They have to choose between adapting themselves to this situation or trying to modify it through pressures," the official said.

There is concern both about further confrontation today in different parts of the West Bank as funerals for the four Palestinians killed are held, as well as the character of Moslem prayer services at the Temple Mount tomorrow.

After meeting with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris, Netanyahu said the Israeli government has no intention of harming any Moslem or Christian holy site in Jerusalem, and that the Arab leaders know this very well.

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Defense Minister Yitzhak

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### Yeltsin surgery approved but delayed

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin was given the go-ahead for heart surgery yesterday and doctors said they were supremely confident the operation would be successful after another six to 10 weeks of preparation.

Leading cardiologist Renat Akchurin, expected to head the team that will carry out the operation, told a news conference that the delay was needed to minimize the risk.

"If we operate now, I would say the chance is about 80 percent, but we hope that in six weeks the percentage would be close to 100," he said.

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Palestinians carry a wounded protester to a stretcher during rioting yesterday in Ramallah.

(Khaled Zighari)

## A high price for a 'hole in a wall'

COMMENT

JON IMMANUEL

YESTERDAY'S traumatic shoot-out in Ramallah was a high price to pay for knocking a hole in a wall. But the problem goes deeper - to the failure of the government to make a partner of the Palestinian Authority during its three months in office.

Unlike the intifada, which began by spontaneous combustion, the sources of yesterday's events were clearly identifiable. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat failed to ignite a riot on the Temple Mount a few weeks ago,

but saw a new opportunity and exploited it to the hilt. This time he won not only a more toothsome image among Palestinians, but did so with the backing of Egypt, Morocco and even Jordan.

The incident was thus a public relations failure of the first order for a government which attaches great importance to explaining Israel's cause to the world.

Long after the reason for yesterday's violence is forgotten the results will be remembered.

Arafat won himself the right to another meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who said during his election campaign that he would meet him "when Israel's security demanded it," thus leaving to Arafat the timing of such meetings.

Second, the Palestinians made very clear that they had to make an issue of the Hasmonian Tunnel because the government has spoken so loudly about settlements, security and Palestinian Oslo Accord violations, while moving nowhere fast on vacating Hebron and even lifting the closure.

"The crisis is escalating, fueled by the Israelis' meeting [us] and not doing anything, not implementing anything," said Planning

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### PM promised Clinton to ask Congress to release PA funds

DAVID MAKOVSKY

IN response to a direct request by US President Bill Clinton earlier this month during their White House meeting, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu agreed to phone a leading congressman and urge him to release \$10 million in US aid to the Palestinian Authority being withheld since last November, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned from Israeli government sources.

Netanyahu has yet to phone Rep. Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, who suspended funds until PA Chairman Yasser Arafat discloses hidden PLO assets. The reason for the delay is unclear, but some believe it is technical and Netanyahu will soon make the call, thereby keeping his word to Clinton.

In the meantime, Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar is reportedly still making public statements justifying Gilman's

withholding the funds. Clinton's request and Netanyahu's acquiescence have been kept quiet, apparently to avoid creating the public impression that the prime minister believes the PA is complying with the Oslo Accords.

The Netanyahu government has signaled to Washington not to block US aid to the PA for the upcoming fiscal year. The aid consists of an estimated \$65 million in grants for infrastructure projects and \$10 million to help the PA cover its recurrent costs. This marks a change for Netanyahu, who while in opposition asked members of Congress not to assist the PA.

Gilman was particularly upset that Arafat did not comply with an effort by the congressional auditing arm, the General Accounting Office, which during the summer of 1995 wrote a report on PLO assets.

### Israel to allow foreign venture capital funds to operate tax-free

DAVID HARRIS

FOREIGN venture capital funds, exempt from tax in their home countries, will be allowed to invest on the same terms in Israel, Finance Minister Dan Meridor announced yesterday.

This measure will only apply when funds invest in Israeli research and development companies, added Meridor, who is currently in the US.

This is the latest attempt by the government to encourage foreign investment, particularly in R&D programs. It is hoped the move will be an incentive for large US funds to look to Israel as a reliable place for investments.

A permanent office will be opened in Israel to process

inquiries about venture capital, said Meridor, during a meeting with fund, investment house and real estate managers in New York, according to his spokesman.

Speaking to a gathering of young Wall Street employees, Meridor reaffirmed his commitment to the Brodet Committee's recommendations on structural reforms in the capital markets, which have been criticized by the Prime Minister's Office and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel.

Elected politicians must work with professional civil servants, Meridor told his audience. He called on his Knesset colleagues to accept Brodet's proposals, which would encourage long-term savings.

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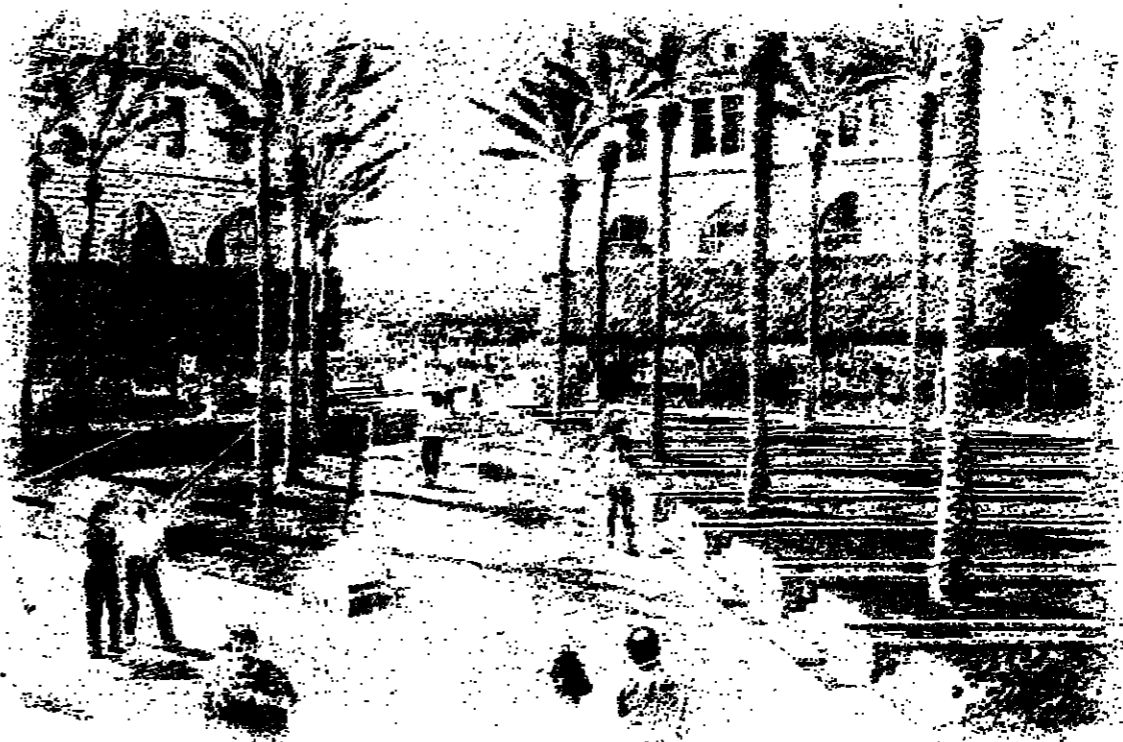
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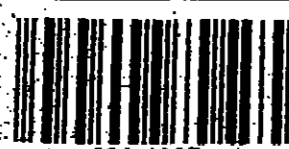


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# Police clash with Palestinians in capital, more demonstrations planned for today

## Two reported lightly injured in yesterday's protest

PALESTINIAN leaders in Jerusalem plan to again defy a police ban on protests and hold a massive demonstration in the Old City today, near the controversial new exit to the Hasmonean tunnel on the Via Dolorosa.

Jerusalem's Moslem and Palestinian Authority leaders decided to continue the protests, after clashes yesterday between Palestinian residents and police in and around the Old City.

"If Israel won't close the tunnel, we will have to close it ourselves," said Abed Abu Diyab, a senior PLO activist in Jerusalem. "We will continue our

protests until we achieve our aim."

Palestinian sources said PA Religious Affairs Minister Hassan Tahboub and Jerusalem Mufti Akram Sabri were hit in the head with bottles and lightly injured during the disturbances. No other injuries were reported.

Jerusalem Police chief Arye Amit — who on Tuesday was confident the unrest sparked by the opening of the tunnel would end "in a few days" — yesterday said he was unable to say how long the disturbances would continue.

Amit ordered a ban on all marches and other protests in eastern Jerusalem,

on the grounds that "experience shows that if they are allowed they lead to major disturbances."

The Old City and nearby areas of eastern Jerusalem were swarming with police yesterday in order to prevent protests.

Mounted policemen and baton-wielding border policemen broke up a march led by Moslem leaders from al-Aksa Mosque when the crowd of several hundred protesters reached Sultan Suleiman Street, just outside the Old

City.

"In blood, and fire, we will free al-Aksa," the marchers chanted.

Palestinian youths threw bottles and rocks at policemen as they broke up the march, which was slated to continue to the Damascus Gate and to a large rally that was banned by Amit.

Police and protesters played a cat and mouse in the Old City and Sultan Suleiman for over an hour, with the demonstrations eventually petering out. No arrests were reported. A police

spokesman said rubber bullets were used to break up one protest, but there were no injuries.

"All we wanted to do was hold a peaceful demonstration, and look what they have done to us," said PA Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi, one of the march leaders.

He was joined by the mufti, senior Waqf officials, and several PA council members from Jerusalem.

Waqf officials released a statement categorically denying government claims that a deal was made under which Moslem worshippers were

allowed to pray at the ancient site of Solomon's stables, adjoining al-Aksa, starting earlier this year, in return for the Waqf looking the other way when the government opened the exit to the tunnel.

Meanwhile, Knesset Interior Committee chairman Salah Tarif is set to visit the tunnel today, accompanied by PA council members from Jerusalem, according to a spokeswoman for Tarif. Tarif recently visited Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem, enraging several committee members, who boycotted the visit.



Palestinian demonstrators, led by Palestinian officials including councilwoman Hanan Ashrawi (center), scuffle with police near the Old City's Damascus Gate yesterday. (Khaled Zighar)

# Tunnel to be open to visitors during Succot

THE Hasmonean Tunnel is to open to visitors during Succot and work on the passageway is to continue despite opposition from the Palestinians and Moslems abroad, Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Arye Gamliel and Yigal Bibi said yesterday following a visit to the site.

"The police are going to provide full protection," said Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman Yair Wolf, when asked about the possibility that plans for mass Succot gatherings might have to be aborted in the light of tension in the Old City over the opening of a northern exit to the tunnel.

The two deputy ministers said the government intends to provide NIS 60 million to develop

the Western Wall Plaza and the tunnel. "The Western Wall is Israel's biggest tourist attraction. It is bigger than anything belonging to the Antiquities [Authority] or to the National Parks [Authority]," Wolf said.

Wolf said that during the holiday, the ministry expects about half a million visitors at the Western Wall.

However, he added, the tunnel can only accommodate some 1,200 visitors a day. At this point, he said, there will be no fee for entry to tunnel, which is to be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. He said the ministry would try to arrange crowd control.

"We want to remind people

that the tunnel will also be open after the holiday," he said.

Although crowds are expected throughout the holiday week, he said, the biggest numbers are expected on Monday for the traditional priestly blessing, followed by the reception of the chief rabbis and the deputy religious affairs ministers.

Meanwhile, Tourism Ministry Director-General Shabi Shai told a group of tourism industry leaders yesterday that the ministry had been planning to conduct a major public relations campaign to counter the present slump in tourism, but it would probably cancel such plans.

He was speaking at the premiere of a new multi-screen video presentation promoting Israeli tourism.

# PA asks Security Council to meet; King Hussein slams Hasmonean Tunnel

THE Palestinian Authority called on the UN Security Council to discuss the violence touched off by the building of a new exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel in Jerusalem's Old City.

In a letter sent Tuesday to the Security Council, Palestinian UN observer Dr. Nasser Kidwa said the tunnel's new exit onto Via Dolorosa was "aimed at the Judaization of the city."

"In this regard, and given the extremely important religious and spiritual nature of the issue, we call upon the Security Council to take the necessary steps to address this issue and to have the Israeli action reversed," Kidwa said in the letter, made public yesterday.

There was no indication whether the council would agree to formal consultations on the issue. Palestinians clashed with police in Jerusalem after workmen opened the new exit to the tunnel, which is located near the Western Wall.

The Arab League is to meet in Cairo today to discuss the issue,

at the Palestinians' request. The one-day session will be held at the level of permanent representatives — the ambassadors of the 22 member states — a league spokesman said yesterday.

Jordan's King Hussein yesterday denounced the action, calling it an infringement of the rights of all Arabs and Moslems.

He called for an international committee to discuss the possible repercussions of the Israeli action, the Gulf News Agency reported.

A Jordanian government statement, carried by the state's Petra news agency, condemned the building of the new exit "which undermines the structure of al-Aksa mosque, changes the features of the holy city and harms the feelings of Arabs and Moslems."

Jordan called on Israel to stick to international agreements and urged Arab and Islamic states to work to "preserve the holy city and not to harm al-Aksa

Mosque."

In the strongly worded statement, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan warned Israeli authorities against disregarding Moslems' attachment to Jerusalem.

"Jordan will persist in exerting efforts to spotlight this new political crisis in the life of the holy city," said Hassan, who, a palace spokesman said, has postponed a planned visit to Jerusalem early next month due to "overburdened schedules."

In London, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak said Hassan called Netanyahu yesterday seeking an explanation.

"The prime minister made it clear to him that the tunnel does not go under the Temple Mount. It won't collapse the Temple Mount. It is an incredible historic project," Bazak said.

Bazak said Netanyahu told Hassan the tunnel would benefit all residents of the Old City, Moslems and Jews alike, and Hassan responded that Israel should make this known.

# Bonn says support for Israel hinges on peace moves

BONN (Reuters) — Germany said yesterday, a day before a visit by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, that its support for Israel depended on continued efforts to push ahead with the peace process.

Bonn is normally at pains to stress its good relations with Israel but the remarks by Helmut Schaefer, state secretary in the Foreign Ministry, were the strongest sign yet of its concern over the way the peace process has stalled under Netanyahu.

Schaefer told German Radio that Netanyahu's policy statements had taken on "a different quality from what we have supported for several years."

"If promises made to the extreme right in Israel are really implemented, we will have to ask if such policies can still be supported...we can't just say that, whoever rules in Israel, we'll just close our eyes and give our support."

Schaefer said it was in German interests to try to ensure "that everything that has painstakingly been achieved in the last few years is not sacrificed by people who suddenly come to power and have different political views..."

"It will have to be made clear to the Israeli premier that to continue the peace process you must honor treaties signed by the previous government," he said, cit-

ing commitments to pull soldiers out of Hebron and discuss the status of east Jerusalem.

Netanyahu's program today includes talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl as well as a meeting with Jewish leaders and a wreath-laying at the former Nazi concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen.

Schaefer's comments went far beyond the statements of Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel after he met Foreign Minister David Levy in Bonn two weeks ago. Kinkel also met Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat last week.

Kinkel had said there was no question of German economic

aid to the region being suspended to put pressure on Israel or the Palestinians to advance the peace process.

But Schaefer suggested this might change if Germany had the impression that Israel was not serious about the peace process.

"We have some influence inasmuch as we give money and are prepared, if the peace process is continued, to provide large sums on a long-term basis to help develop the region..."

"We have made commitments but that assumes that the peace process is pushed forward and doesn't suddenly receive a setback," Schaefer said.

# Peres blames Netanyahu government for riots

ISRAEL is "now at a bad precipice, facing a very dangerous situation," Labor Party leader Shimon Peres told television interviewers last night.

In a long commentary on the riots over the Hasmonean Tunnel, Peres placed the blame on the Netanyahu government and warned that Israel's relations with Egypt and Jordan are deteriorating dangerously and the day is not far off when this will be the case with Europe too.

"We are already feeling this in the economy," he said.

Peres went on to contrast this with the tenure of the Labor government and said that "the last four years were the best in all of Jewish history — so why stop this?"

Peres rejected Netanyahu's argument that it was the Peres government which had decided on the opening of the tunnel and that the same riots would have resulted had Peres been the one to give the go-ahead.

"I am not sure that is the case," Peres said. "I would have tried to talk with the Palestinians before making any sensitive move."

"Perhaps if we allowed them to pray at Solomon's Stables, they would not have

opposed the opening of the tunnel. A dialogue is preferable to an exchange of fire. What is Israel's interest here? That such awful pictures be shown around the world?" Peres asked.

"Such pictures were preventable. I fear for the unity of Jerusalem," he continued.

The Netanyahu government, he said, provided the "pretext for the violence. Pretexts should not be provided. What is the good of giving them pretexts?"

Peres also said that those in the Likud who spoke of "peace for peace, now realize that there is no peace for no peace."

He charged that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had "made no progress in the peace process. The fact that one time in three months he met with Arafat is progress? ... The agreement with the Palestinians is good, but it must be implemented."

"There are no holy sites in the Arab city called Hebron. The holy sites are in our hands," Peres rejected the notion that in speaking of a great national emergency he is laying the groundwork for an attempt to form a national unity government. He angrily called this "speculation and gossip."

# Levy: Hostilities won't pressure Israel to change its policies

THE hostilities in Ramallah will not pressure Israel to retreat from its positions, Foreign Minister David Levy said yesterday at the UN.

"There are those who believe that through pressuring Israel that will lead Israel to go back from its positions," Levy said. "There is no room for such threats toward Israel."

Levy arrived in New York yesterday for a weeklong visit, including an address to the 51st session of the UN General Assembly next Thursday. Yesterday he signed the nuclear test-ban treaty, which must be ratified by the Knesset. "When we get down to ratifying the treaty we will also take into consideration the attitude of other countries in the area," he told reporters.

Levy said Israel was "talking with all those concerned" about the disturbances in Ramallah. "At this moment, we are all making considerable efforts to calm the situa-

tion and in order to proceed in our negotiations," he said.

Levy was to meet later yesterday with Turkey's Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller.

At a briefing with UN correspondents earlier in the day, Ciller defended Ankara's defense agreements with Israel.

The pacts are "not to be a threat for the region but rather of stability and a source [for] the peace process in the whole area," she said, adding that Turkey's defense-technology transfer agreement with Israel is similar to pacts her state has with other nations.

Turkey also has a year-old trade agreement, for natural gas, with Iran. When reminded that the US has legislation that would impose sanctions on states that trade with Teheran, Ciller bristled, noting that Turkey faced severe economic hardships, but had yet to be compensated for \$27 billion in losses stemming from its support of the US-Allied stance in the Gulf War.

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Mordechai spoke with Arafat yesterday in an effort to calm the situation.

Shahak, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir met with Maj.-Gen. Haj Ismail Jabr, head of the Palestinian Police in Jericho, and Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of the Preventive Security Service in Jericho. During the meeting, Shahak spoke to Arafat and it was agreed to work to calm the ten-

sions and examine yesterday's events.

Mordechai also had a 10-minute phone conversation with Arafat and told him both sides were responsible for calming the situation. Mordechai later convened senior security officials and top IDF brass to discuss riots.

Arafat promised diplomats last night that he would call for restraint among his top commanders and avoid further bloodshed on the assumption that Israel would do the same, officials said.

Arafat also had phone conversations last night with US special Middle East Peace Coordinator Dennis Ross and US Consul-General in Jerusalem Edward Abington. Israel Radio reported that US Ambassador Martin Indyk was in touch with Mordechai during the unrest as part of a broader US bid to seek calm.

The Clinton Administration said yesterday it hoped to calm the sit-

uation in the territories, with the aim of quickly restarting Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Ross also called Netanyahu's adviser Dore Gold in Europe. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in New York for the opening UN session, "is involved," too, a senior US official said.

The official said the administration is still ascertaining the facts of yesterday's fighting in Ramallah, but that it was "not a good day for the peace process."

"This was not the kind of incident that serves either party's interest," he said.

The official called the tunnel opening the "proximate cause" of the riot, but implied that the heated Israeli, Palestinian and Egyptian rhetoric over the past week helped kindle yesterday's violence.

David Makovsky, Arich O'Sullivan and Bill Hutman contributed to this report.

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# High Court recommends that Yemenite children inquiry broaden its mandate

EVELYN GORDON

THE state commission of inquiry into the disappearance of Yemenite children in the early 1950s should consider extending its mandate to cover missing children from other countries as well, the High Court of Justice recommended yesterday.

said 61 people from 18 other countries whose children disappeared in 1948-54 had already tried to testify before the commission, but their testimony was rejected because they fell outside the commission's mandate. At the hearing, Zadok said he had a list of 170 such people who wanted to testify.

few from Western Europe and Asia.

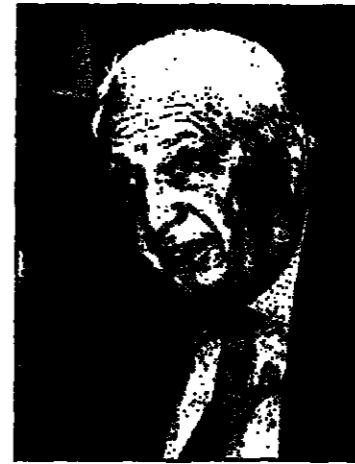
The justices apparently accepted Zadok's argument that if the commission was investigating the disappearance of children during those years, there was no reason to restrict it to Yemenite immigrants. Furthermore, Orr said, the commission itself appears willing to expand its mandate in this fashion. He therefore asked the govern-

ment to consider doing so, and come back to the court with its decision within a month.

However, the justices declined to recommend a second change. Meshulam had requested that the commission's mandate also be expanded to include people whose children disappeared before 1948 or after 1954. Hugi said he had 48 such families who wanted to testify. This part of the petition was therefore deferred until next month's hearing.

# Sharon: ILA will increase size of existing settlements

DAVID HARRIS and DAVID RUDGE



Ariel Sharon (Isaac Harari)

INCREASING the sizes of existing towns and settlements in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan will form major planks of future Israel Land Authority policy, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon said during the authority's board meeting on Tuesday. Likewise, construction will be increased in the Negev, greater Jerusalem, the Galilee and Jordan Valley.

Sharon has given instructions for the development of three sites on the Golan for the construction of 600 new homes.

The decision followed a meeting on Tuesday between Sharon and Golan Regional Council Chairman Yehuda Wolman. He said one of the proposed sites would be just over one kilometer from Kibbutz Mevo Hamma and the others near Ma'aleh Gamla.

Sharon instructed the Israel Lands Administration to release

houses would be ready for occupancy within two years.

The minister also stressed the need for security considerations in strategic planning. Settlement must take place in areas such as a 25 kilometer east-west strip from the Jordan Valley to Wadi Ara; east of Beit Guvrin, where a commuter settlement is planned; and generally in areas where there is only a minority Jewish population, Sharon said.

It is important to preserve existing green belt areas, Sharon said, and consequently building programs along the coast and in the largest cities must take this into consideration and be designed to grow upwards rather than outwards, particularly between Haifa and Ashkelon.

While repeating his pledge to make Beersheba a city of 500,000 by the turn of the century, the minister said he would fight for equal treatment for the Negev's Beduin population, along with the rest of the country's non-Jewish inhabitants.

# Supreme Court doubles sentences for boys who tortured cellmates

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court has doubled the sentences of three boys who badly abused their cellmates in the Tiberias lockup.

The three, who all have long and varied criminal records, were awaiting trial in the Tiberias lockup in November 1994, and decided to amuse themselves by beating up their 14-year-old cellmate, using fists and a belt. The prison authorities removed the injured boy the next day, but replaced him with another boy, and the three stepped up their activities.

In addition to beating their new cellmate with both belt and fist, they repeatedly forced his head into a sink full of water, set fire to his

body hair, extinguished lighted cigarettes on his body and dripped melted plastic bags onto him. As a result, the boy suffered second-degree burns on his chest, back, legs and hands. The three also tried to sodomize him.

In February, the Nazareth District Court convicted the three of causing bodily harm and attempted sodomy, but acquitted them of aggravated battery and obstructing justice. It sentenced two of the boys to two years in prison and the third to one year, saying a harsher sentence would be unfair because the criminals' lousy childhoods were

partially to blame for their behavior. Two of the boys had been in institutions for years. One had been abused as a child, a second had tried to commit suicide several times and the third had an alcoholic mother.

The state appealed both the partial acquittal and the sentence, however, saying the extreme brutality of their actions mandated a stiffer sentence.

Justices Shlomo Levine, Mishael Cheshin and Dalia Dorner accepted the state's appeal in full. Once the lower court accepted the victim's testimony, they said, there was no justification for the partial acquittal. But even had the acquittal not been reversed, they added, the sentences were too light for such an appalling crime. They therefore increased the ringleader's sentence from two to four years, and upped the other boys' sentences to three years each.

# Strikers at Electrochemical Industries prepare to fight for jobs

DAVID RUDGE

EMPLOYEES of the giant Electrochemical Industries factory south of Acre are preparing for a protracted strike after a breakdown in negotiations with the management and after the management sent dismissal notices to 111 of the firm's nearly 400 workers.

The Acre branch of the Histadrut yesterday petitioned the Haifa District Labor Court for an injunction to invalidate the letters of redundancy. The court deferred the hearing until Friday morning.

The workers stressed that they want to resume negotiations with management over a recovery plan for the firm, which lost NIS 15 million in the first half of this year. Management has blamed the losses on the rising cost of raw materials

and the marked drop in the international prices for PVC, the firm's main product.

Managing director Yair Rotem and Senior Vice President Zvika Greengold visited the factory and met with workers yesterday for the first time since the strike began last Thursday, following a breakdown in talks between management and workers.

David Kehat, a member of the united works committee at the plant, said the workers were willing to negotiate on the cutbacks.

"The problem is that management is insisting that all those to be dismissed should be those on collective agreements, as opposed to personal contracts. This is a direct attempt to break the union," he said.

# Ethiopian educators to protest lack of budget for educational center

BATSHEVA TSUR

SEVERAL dozen educators from the Ethiopian immigrant community are to hold a vigil outside the Education Ministry in Tel Aviv this morning to put pressure on the government not to close down a special Steering Center designed to advance educational opportunities for young members of the community.

The ministry has not transferred a NIS 5.5 million budget, for the months September-December, to the center "in an effort to dry up its activities," a spokesman for the United Organization of Ethiopian Immigrants, which helped to plan the center, said yesterday.

"This means that some 2,400 youngsters from the Ethiopian community, in seven localities, have already been left without informal educational activities in the afternoon and hundreds of others are likely to join them," spokesman David Golan said.

He said the Ethiopian educators opposed the new ministry policy aimed at treating the problems of Ethiopian youth within existing frameworks. "We don't want to be

2 out of 100 but 2 out of 2," he said. "In places, such as Beersheba, where special efforts have been invested in the Ethiopian pupils since the center was set up two years ago, it is paying dividends."

A plan to increase the number of Ethiopian pupils getting special tutorial aid to 3,000 this year and to 4,000 next year has also been frozen, Golan said.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday hastened to assure the community that he had no plans to cut off funds to them. "On the contrary, they will get bigger budgets than before," Hammer said in a statement. But the ministry spokesman said no specific budgets had been fixed, and these would be worked out "when Hammer meets with leaders of the community after the Succot holiday."

Yesterday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's aide, Yair Ma'ayan, met a delegation from the community and promised to appeal on their behalf to Hammer to suspend any decision to close the center.

# Downs Syndrome soldiers complete IDF program

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WITH uniformed 18 year olds beaming and their parents full of pride, it was nevertheless an IDF graduation ceremony with a difference: the 18 graduates of a one-to-two-year program were born with Downs Syndrome or other serious genetic, developmental or behavioral disorders.

The youngsters, who would ordinarily have been rejected for military service, served for a year as volunteers on the Anatot base just northeast of Jerusalem. They did work, usually carried out by reservists. All were prepared for the weekly or twice-weekly work at Jerusalem's International Center for Enhancement of Learning Potential (ICELP) and the HaGassah-Wizo of Canada Research Institute, founded and run by Israel Prize winner Prof.

Reuven Feuerstein. The participants, who get a nominal payment for their work, spend the rest of the week taking an ICELP course as caregivers in old age homes, and many have already been offered jobs.

"This program, which has already produced 100 graduates in three annual rounds, is helping to change the image of the mentally disabled in society in general and [among] the disabled themselves," Feuerstein said. "Imagine how they influence the thousands of soldiers on the base who see them from close up working hard and capably."

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# Yeltsin's surgery approved but delayed

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MOSCOW - Russian President Boris Yeltsin will undergo triple or quadruple bypass surgery in six to 10 weeks, and will remain in a hospital or clinic until then, his surgeons announced yesterday.

While dispelling speculation that surgery would have to be canceled because of Yeltsin's poor health, the announcement effectively means Russia will remain without an active leader for months to come.

Russian cardiologist Renat Akchurin, expected to lead the operating team, told a news conference that the delay could boost Yeltsin's prospect of survival close to 100 percent.

"If we operate now, I would say the chance is about 80 percent, but we hope that in six weeks the percentage would be close to 100," Akchurin said.

The doctors, who met Yeltsin in Russia's exclusive Central Clinical Hospital, said that the 65-year-old Russian president needed an operation, but they were confident that he could return to a normal way of life.

American specialist Michael DeBakey, who joined in the consultations, said the president will need another two months to recover from the operation. DeBakey said he should be able to resume "full normal activity" after the operation.

Doctors said the delay is necessary because Yeltsin's heart muscle is damaged and needs time to heal.

The president will be able to do paperwork and see visitors while he's resting, they said.

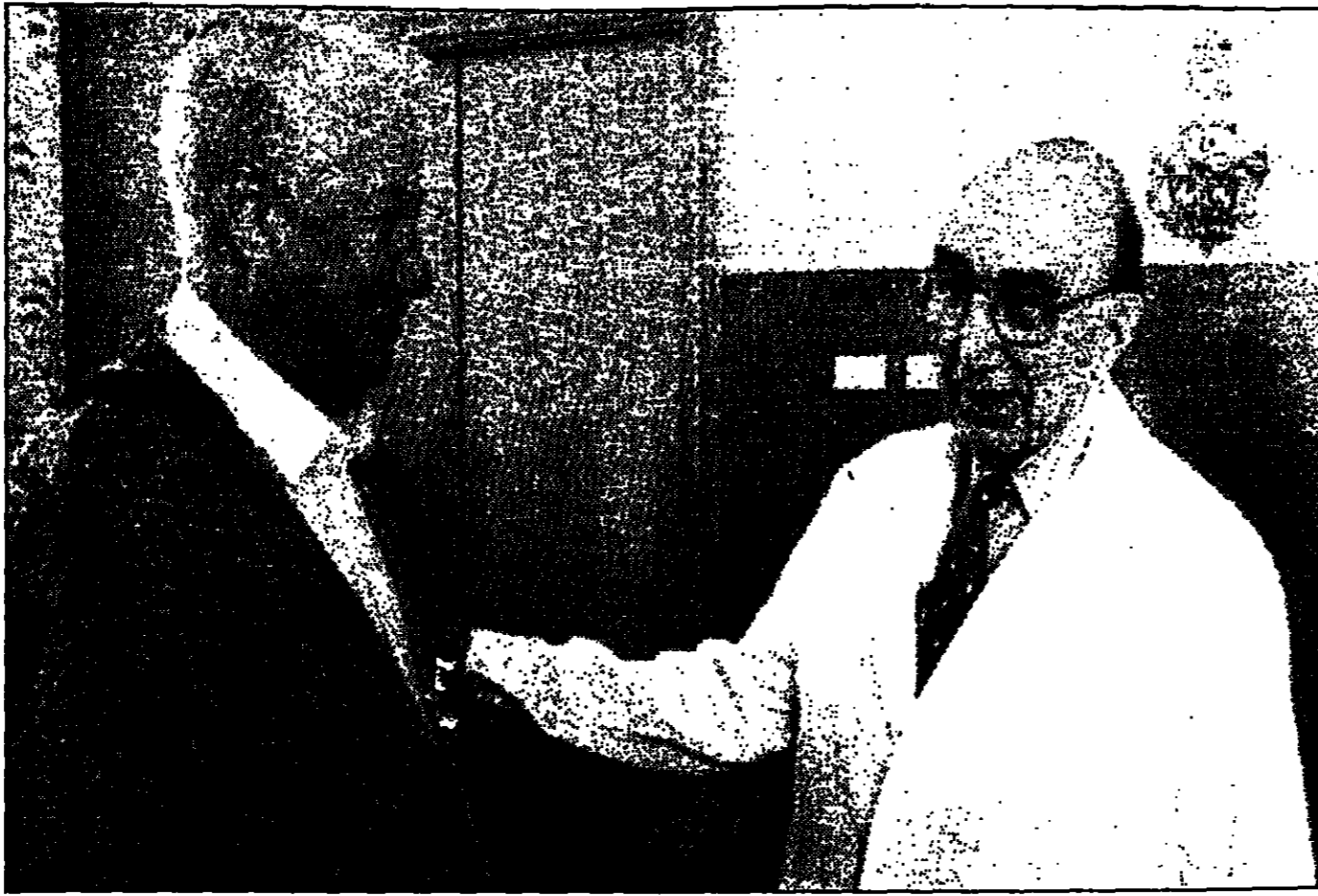
But the delay is certain to prompt angry demands for Yeltsin to resign by the Communist-led opposition, which has already called for him to step down if his work load has to be cut.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last president of the Soviet Union, called on Yeltsin to resign in a radio interview yesterday.

"The way things are going, [Yeltsin] must resign," Gorbachev said of his old political sparring partner.

Gorbachev said Russia could not be "left a hostage of unclear, troubled times."

Recalling the Soviet Union's period of so-called "stagnation" under ailing Communist Party bosses in the 1970s and



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (left) meets with US heart surgeon Michael DeBakey in Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital yesterday. (Reuters)

early 1980s, Gorbachev said former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's long period of illness had "stopped all work...At least 10 years were lost."

Russian stocks, which had plunged eight percent this week on fears about Yeltsin's worsening condition, immediately surged 3 percent on the news. The prices of Mifin bonds also rose after the announcement.

In Washington, Yeltsin's illness is causing anxiety about the future of Russia's reform process and its ability to carry out a peaceful succession if Yeltsin dies, administration

officials said. "Democracy in Russia is doing fairly well but it is hardly an absolute certainty that it will take deep root," Assistant Secretary of State Thomas McNamara told reporters.

Another official spoke of a variety of "unpleasant scenarios" that could occur in the event of Yeltsin's death.

"You could have an election and have someone come to power whom you do not want to come to power," said the official.

The official said the possibility of Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov ris-

ing to power should not be discounted, but seemed remote because of the severe blow dealt to his party by the Russian electorate in July.

Another potential successor to Yeltsin is national security chief Alexander Lebed. "We don't know what sort of leader he would be," the official said.

The safest choice, in the administration's view, would be Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who would be expected to continue to pursue the reform policies espoused by Yeltsin.

## WORLD BRIEFS

**US naval analyst charged with spying**  
ALEXANDRIA, Virginia - A civilian computer expert working for naval intelligence was charged yesterday with passing at least 50 secret documents to his native South Korea.

Robert Chaegon Kim, 56, of Sterling, Virginia, was arrested Tuesday night at Fort Myer while attending an Armed Forces Day reception sponsored by the South Korean Embassy, officials said. Kim was employed by the same Navy intelligence center in Suitland, Maryland, that employed Jonathan Pollard, who is serving a life term for spying for Israel.

He handed over classified information, many with "secret" or "top secret" designations, to Baek Dong-Il, a naval attaché for the South Korean government, an affidavit released in US District Court said. He also is accused of giving South Korea "above top-secret" documents containing political and military intelligence about North Korea and other Asian-Pacific nations. AP

**At least 13 feared dead in Dutch plane crash**  
DEN HELDER, Netherlands - At least 13 people were killed yesterday when a Dutch-operated DC-3 Dakota plane with 35 passengers on board crashed into the North Sea near this Dutch naval base town, the coastguard said.

"Military air traffic control told us that a Dakota went down with 35 passengers on board...we are not sure how many crew the plane was carrying," a coastguard spokesman said. The Dutch news agency ANP reported sightings of apparently lifeless bodies still strapped into their seats, drifting in the water near the crash site.

A navy spokesman said the 55-year-old vintage propeller-powered plane was operated by the Dutch Dakota association and had been on a sightseeing flight over the Netherlands. Reuter

## Armenian police fire on opposition demonstrators

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) - Security forces opened fire on opposition demonstrators yesterday in the Armenian capital, wounding an unknown number of people protesting the outcome of the presidential election.

Violence broke out in the evening, after an estimated 40,000 people gathered outside the building housing the Central Election Commission in downtown Yerevan. It was the third demonstration in as many days by people accusing President Lev Ter-Petrosian of winning re-election

through fraud in Sunday's election. Security forces used tear gas and water cannon on the crowd, then opened fire when demonstrators failed to disperse. Demonstrators fought back, grabbing for the guns and clubs carried by police and soldiers from the internal security service, the successor to the KGB.

It was not immediately known how many people were wounded or whether anyone had been killed. Blood stained the pavement outside the building, which is also the headquarters of the Armenian parliament.

# Lebed slams Russian government, warns of army mutiny

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Alexander Lebed, the Kremlin's ambitious security chief, launched an outspoken attack on the Russian government yesterday, saying its failure to pay soldiers' wages could soon spark military uprisings. "An armed mutiny may take

place this autumn," he told the Vechnyyaya Moskva newspaper, in an interview that fuelled speculation Lebed and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, 58, are jockeying for position as President Boris Yeltsin lies in hospital.

Lebed, 46-year-old former general, is not a member of Chernomyrdin's government but reports directly to Yeltsin. Lebed openly covets Yeltsin's succession and told the newspaper he could save the country from collapse if he won it.

"I have a plan but do not have powers to implement it because those are the powers of the head of state," he said. The blunt ex-paratrooper, who came third in June's presidential ballot, gave no details of what sort of mutiny he thought might be

about to break out in the army. But he appeared to be talking about local unrest in the ranks, rather than a generals' coup of the sort he warned of after taking office in June. "People with high professional skills serve in the army. Maybe it

is not enough to win world wars but it is definitely enough to slaughter all the lambs," Lebed said. It was a "national disgrace," he said, that the army had not been paid for three months and officers had to take extra jobs.

## Afghan rebels close to Kabul

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) The Afghan Taliban militia battled to the eastern edge of Kabul yesterday, threatening the survival of President Burhanuddin Rabbani's government.

Taliban sources said the rebels had captured Pul-i-Charki village on the outskirts of the city, as well as the military academy. Government sources in Kabul confirmed the Taliban were at the gates of the city, but denied the military academy had fallen. The Taliban said fighting had moved on to the customs house area, only five kilometers from the city.

Government jets were bombing the Taliban, who were attacking Kabul from the east, south and southwest, rebel sources said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) prepared to send two planes to Kabul today to evacuate foreigners wanting to leave, an ICRC official in Pakistan said. Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar called on troops loyal to Rabbani to stop fighting because their leader was "preparing to flee". Omar's spokesman Wakil Ahmed said.

## VICTORY

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Minister Nabil Shaath. There may not be a shadow of truth in the Palestinian claims about Israel's tunnel, but it served to make a point. The issue, PA councilwoman Hanan Ashrawi said, is "not to allow Netanyahu to continue his deception that the peace process is alive and well, while on the other hand he is doing everything possible to destroy it."

The sight of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert on TV burrowing in the tunnel with religious devotion infuriated many Palestinians, while the sight of Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas meeting yesterday in a backslapping meeting with Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo showed that the path to better relations is still open. Netanyahu has reached the fork in the road.

## CLASHES

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The Palestinian Police initiated the shooting or fired back.

But Dayan, speaking to reporters at the roadblock, which was strewn with debris, said, "We don't know if the shots came from crowd or a nearby house. But we know it involved Palestinian police."

Dayan said the Israeli soldiers fired live bullets only after they were fired upon, but that some soldiers may have fired live rounds into the air to disperse the rioters.

The IDF declared Ramallah a closed military zone, barring Israelis from entering.

Reports said the IDF soldiers advanced a few hundred meters into Palestinian-controlled Area A. But Dayan insisted that at no time did Israeli troops penetrate the PLO-ruled area of Ramallah.

The dead were identified by Ramallah Hospital spokesman Dr. Hamad Aidah as Raied Sharaka, 15, Abdel-Jader Hatam, 20, Munir Jamhour, 22, and Asraf Asba, 28.

Palestinian radio and TV carried special programs devoted to the clashes and canceled regular broadcasts, creating an emergency atmosphere.

Without explicitly calling for violence, TV announcers made statements like "The intifada has erupted anew" and "Don't let them take Jerusalem. She is our capital."

Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said the rioting did not just erupt spontaneously, but was planned.

"There is no doubt that the incidents which took place in all the central cities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza were certainly not spontaneous, but initiated incidents," Shahak said. "As far as we understand, the Palestinian police were the ones who fired and whether it was on orders or not is something we have to examine."

Channel 2 reported that the riot was organized by Hamas and that the Palestinian policemen who opened fire were Hamas plants.

The Palestinian Authority made no secret of its involvement in yesterday's protests, by calling for a two-hour general strike in a joint meeting of the PLO Executive Committee and PA ministers.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat spoke of the "Israeli government escalation against our people. The most important thing is, we can't accept the Judaization of Jerusalem. East Jerusalem is our capital."

Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi said after the meeting, which ended early yesterday morning, that Arafat and the cabinet gave a green light for escalation by all means in the West

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# Buying a car by bidding has its bonuses

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One option for those looking to buy a used car very cheaply is by tender, through the Maman (cargo terminal) company near Ben-Gurion Airport.

Vehicles owned by government offices, Bezeq, and the Israel Aircraft Industry (which are driven by employees of these institutions) are periodically upgraded. Once these vehicles have reached a certain age or been driven a certain number of kilometers, they are "put out to pasture," so to speak, and sold to the public by Maman.

Also sold through the cargo company are vehicles confiscated by the Income Tax Authority, the National Insurance Institute, the VAT office, the courts and the Israel Police. As a result, the selection of models and types is wide.

The used-car lot is located in the northern industrial area of Lod. It is open three days a week: on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The cars are on display with their hoods open, but prospective buyers are not permitted to run their motors. In other words, purchases are "as is."

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Every Wednesday, the Hebrew dailies publish the tender for that week. Bids can be submitted from that Wednesday until Friday - when the lot is open to the public. Prospective buyers must submit 10% of the sum of the bid (e.g. if you want to bid NIS 20,000 for a particular car, you must dish out NIS 2,000 up front).

If you win the tender, the 10% becomes part of the payment for the vehicle. If you lose, you get the 10% back in full. If you win, but change your mind about wanting the car, you lose the 10%.

According to the Nitzza Holtzman public relations firm which handles Maman, the method for transacting these tenders is geared towards ensuring the integrity of the sales.

Bids must be submitted in closed envelopes. Each bidder is given a client number. The number and the amount of the bid are fed into a computer. The computer then releases a printout on which the bids, the client numbers, and the ratio of the bids to the estimated value of the cars - determined by a professional assessor - are listed.

Only later are the names of the bidders also fed into the computer, to form a cross-reference between the client number and his name. The names of the bidders are locked in a safe until the following Tuesday, when the sales commit-

tee meets to determine the "lucky winners." On Wednesday, an electronic voice message - at (08) 927-1990 - announces the names of the winners.

The advantage of purchasing a vehicle in this manner is the price. It is sometimes possible to get a car for half its market value. It is even possible that the car will be in good working order. It is especially worthwhile for the mechanically inclined, who are good at judging the condition of an engine on sight alone.

It is also worthwhile for the not-so-mechanically inclined, in the event that the price they end up paying is less than the cost of a similar car plus the cost of installing a new engine. For this reason, it is a good idea to find out the cost of heavy repairs for a particular model before bidding.

The disadvantage is the bother. Even after conducting sufficient research, and after scanning the Hebrew newspapers on Wednesdays to find a model you're interested in buying, there is still no guarantee that your bid will be higher than others.

The risk of purchasing an automobile without really knowing whether you're getting a lemon or a peach is obvious. But for those for whom the temptation to "out-smart" the market outweighs the risk... happy hooking.

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# Teaching hotel hospitality

HAIM SHAPIRO

**ELEANORA** Yachikov was a Russian teacher in Russia. In Israel she hopes to become a hotel manager.

Yachikov is one of 230 students at the Tiberias and Galilee Hotel School at the Tiberias Holiday Inn. The 27-year-old mother of two from Sated admits that at this point such a thought remains in the realm of fantasy, but she believes that if her desire is strong enough, anything is possible.

"It all depends on me," she says. Gila Kahana-Ben Margi is director of the school, which is sponsored by the Labor Ministry, the Tourism Ministry, Africa-Israel Hotels and Resorts, and the Tiberias Municipality. She says that the students include demobilized soldiers and the unemployed, but many of the students are immigrants and the school is interested in attracting more immigrants, including those from English-speaking countries.

In the two years that the school has been in existence, she says, about 450 students, from as far away as Afala and Menula, have completed courses preparing them for work as reception clerks, chefs and housekeepers. A small number have also finished the prestigious managers' course, in which Yachikov is enrolled.

In follow-up programs, the school has learned that 90 percent of the graduates in the chefs' course who wanted to work as chefs have found jobs. Of these, 85 percent are employed in hotels.

Among those presently taking the chefs' course is Alexander Vidvitzky, a 35-year-old immigrant from Ukraine, where he already worked as a chef. The procedures



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in Israel are very different, he says. The main difference between the training he received in the former Soviet Union and in Israel is that in the FSU the students were very disciplined, he says.

But he is anxious to learn and to start working. "I have to work to live," says Vidvitzky, who has three children. "It won't hurt me to work harder. But the best thing is that I'm here."

Recently, Kahana said, the Jewish Agency organized teams (which included representatives of the school) to go to the former Soviet Union, France, the US and Canada, to interest prospective immigrants in studying at the school, with an eye to going into hotel work.

Asked whether the immigrants would actually find work, she noted that the Holiday Inn chain itself needed about 1,000 new workers in its expanding network throughout the country.

"We can't promise them work, but we do tell them that if they want to work in a hotel and they do well in the course, the chain will snap them up," Kahana says.

The candidates are interviewed in their home countries to determine if they are suited for hotel work. Of some 70 young people who were interviewed in France recently, 30 were accepted and about 25 actually arrived and have been in Israel for about a month. The immigrants are now attending an ulpan for six months and will then live in the Tiberias Absorption Center while attending the course.

There are already some 15 immigrants from France who have attended the course and are now working as pastry chefs and reception clerks. Another group is expected to arrive in June 1997.

The Jewish Agency provides scholarships for about half of the hotel school fees, which range from NIS 2,000 to NIS 5,000. In addition to the financial aid, one of the factors which makes the program attractive is the relatively short training period, Kahana said.

Another is the relative ease with which it is possible to find a job in the hotel industry. For immigrants from the West, another incentive is that they already speak English or French.

Kahana admits that salaries in the hotel industry are not particularly high. "We tell them that salaries are not like those in hi-tech industries, but we also tell them that promotions come very fast for good people," she says.

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Even if you're not particularly partial to plaids and mini-checks, don't overlook them entirely unless you want to be totally removed from the clan. You can make your own fashion statement with several other current revivals, but if you want to check in with the trendsetters, a tartan or two won't go amiss.

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When preparing to go out, couples may have to worry about whether her checks will clash with his, because checks make no gender distinctions. Whereas absolute harmony may not matter much when tones worn by both sexes are muted, the lack of harmony strikes with a rude crescendo when the colors are bright, glaring and mismatched. And even when they're not, seeing too many checks coming and going can be more than a little off-putting.

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## An unsuccessful opening

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was right when he said that no matter when the new exit to the Western Wall tunnel was opened, it would have been a problem. It has often been said, however, that timing is everything, and timing the tunnel's opening for this week was simply counterproductive.

The need for such an exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel is beyond dispute: Until now, the narrowness of the tunnel, which runs along the western edge of the Temple Mount complex, allowed only 7,000 visitors a year to the site, which offers a view of the entire length of the Western Wall. Now that there is a new exit to the north, some 400,000 tourists are expected annually.

Logic would dictate that the area's Arab shopowners — who have never recovered from the lingering effects of the intifada, which drove tourists away from the Old City's Moslem quarter — would be pleased at such a huge increase in the number of visitors, a point made by several government officials yesterday. But it should have been obvious that emotions would overwhelm logic in any matter concerning the Temple Mount area.

Yesterday's riots in Ramallah and Jerusalem provided the most violent example of the passions that the smallest incident in the Old City can spark. That Palestinian Police fired at IDF soldiers is particularly distressing, and the government must strongly protest this behavior to the Palestinian Authority. The diplomatic outcry is also worrisome, with even Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan issuing a statement, calling the move "a provocation to Arab and Moslem feelings around the world." Similar statements will no doubt emerge from today's Arab League meeting, called for by the Palestinians to discuss the issue.

Claims by some Palestinians that the opening of the tunnel's new exit threatens Moslem holy places and endangers the foundations of the Aksa Mosque are obvious nonsense, and only serve to further fan the flames of unrest. The tunnel does not run near the Temple Mount and does not touch any Arab property. What the new exit does represent is this government's determination not to remain passive in the political battle for Jerusalem. The question remains, however, as to whether it is adopting the right tactics.

The tunnel's exit could have been blasted open months ago, after the previous government reached an agreement on the matter in January with the Palestinian Authority. Under this accord, Israel permitted Moslem prayers at Solomon's Stables on the Temple Mount, in return for Israel opening the tunnel without Palestinian protest. Soon after, however, the wave of bus bombings occurred, and the Labor government decided not to open the tunnel fearing this would lead to an escalation of violence in Jerusalem.

With the benefit of hindsight, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is correct in criticizing the previous government for not opening the tunnel immediately after the agreement was signed, but whether it was wise to go ahead and do so now is debatable. Olmert has argued that he wanted the exit open in time for the Succot holiday, and the expected influx of local and foreign tourists to the capital. But scenes of rioting and stones being thrown at Western Wall worshippers are not the best advertisement for a holiday in Jerusalem.

Moreover, these past few weeks have been marked by tension with almost all of Israel's neighbors and negotiating partners. Relations with Egypt have descended to the lowest form of mud-slinging on Egypt's part, while the tension in the north, following Syria's redeployment in Lebanon, has not fully dissipated. The deadly clashes between the IDF and the Hizbullah have resumed. And despite Netanyahu's recent meeting with PA leader Yasser Arafat, progress on the Palestinian track is frozen, with the details of the IDF redeployment in Hebron still unclear.

Given this gloomy setting, the government might have considered refraining from generating additional friction with the Arab world, particularly with the Cairo economic summit so close at hand.

A previous attempt to open an exit to the tunnel in 1988 led to riots throughout the territories, an international outcry and a government decision to block the opening. Despite the huge changes in the Middle East since then, the issue of Jerusalem is still a sensitive one. It is puzzling that the prime minister thought that the reaction to a new opening for the Hasmonean Tunnel would be any different today than it was eight years ago.

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## Same time, same place

ONE would have to be as innocent as a lamb to write off Cairo's barrage of insults aimed at our prime minister as an attack of late-summer madness. For the offensive remarks were carefully orchestrated to time with a Suez Canal crossing maneuver carried out by a record number of well-trained Egyptian troops.

And, apparently in harmony with a decision taken by Cairo long before, Damascus reactivated Hizbullah attacks in southern Lebanon.

Shortly before, Syrian commando troops were dispatched with suspicious speed to the critical cease-fire line near Mount Hermon; and other soldiers were redeployed to the Bekaa Valley. The insults flung at Binyamin Netanyahu by the Egyptian press — who take their cue from President Mubarak's current state of mind — grow more vitriolic by the day. One editor, known as a close friend of the present-day "Pharaoh of the Nile," as Cairo diplomats say Mubarak refers to himself in private, was quoted as saying that "Netanyahu should have his ears, nose and tongue cut off."

It isn't only Netanyahu who's been mocked. Using bitter rhetoric Mubarak, ever-mindful of having been Egyptian Air Force commander in the Yom Kippur war, asked journalist Aharon Barnea, who was interviewing him for TV's Channel 2: "And is Arik Sharon still eating so much? Is he as fat as ever?" Mubarak then claimed that Sharon had been opposed to the peace treaty with Egypt — a fabrication. Egyptians well know that Sharon was the commander who crossed the canal and defeated Mubarak and other generals under President Sadat.

Barnea allowed the president's mocking remarks to go unchallenged. But not the Egyptians. Their TV people seized upon the interview program and, in a rare act, aired it twice for Cairo audiences. Al-Ahram said yesterday: "Netanyahu should be sent to a mental institution."

The venomous onslaught from Cairo has been reported worldwide as being a "war of words." But it is only one side that is "warring." No Israeli leaders have been paying Mubarak back in the same coin.

One could almost hear the war drums beating in the background as al-Ahbar informed the world that if a poll were taken in Egypt it would show that Egyptians supported breaking off relations with Israel, expelling its ambassador.

URI DAN  
DENNIS EISENBERG

and war against Israel.

A clue to what really lies behind Egypt's verbal bombardment of Israel was provided by Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, who last week miscalculated the most ambitious maneuvers ever in Egypt. Their aim was to demonstrate how fast

The barrage of insults from Egypt serves as the soundtrack to a scenario reminiscent of October 1973

The Egyptian armed forces could cross the Suez water barrier by amphibious vessel as well as by tunnel to reach Israel's frontiers.

That's worrying. But most worrying for Israel is the fact that the Egyptians now have modern American tanks and warplanes and need no longer rely on less efficient Soviet armaments. Asked by journalists why Egypt was carrying out this provocative activity that constitutes a breach of the peace agreement, Tantawi responded with a soldier's bluntness: "We are concerned about Israel attacking Egypt with non-conventional weapons."

WE WONDER about the reaction in Europe were the German army suddenly to cross the Rhine in a massive "maneuver" following a string of German insults hurled at the French prime minister. And all because of apprehensions over that country's large nuclear arsenal as compared to Germany's nonexistent one.

Would Western leaders disregard the incident as totally as the world has ignored Egypt's continuing belligerence over the past months?

Allied with Egypt's moves is the Syrian decision to redeploy crack offensive troops close to Mount Hermon, from where Syria launched its surprise attack against Israel on Yom Kippur 23 years ago.

Hafez Assad and Mubarak have held at least two meetings over the past 12 months. Did they coordinate these moves on those occasions?

Day after day authoritative Egyptian leaders, echoed by Egyptian Ambassador Bassiouny, declare that Israel must fulfill all its "obligations" to the Palestinians and make concessions to Syria over the Golan Heights.

But even if Israel bows to every Arab wish, it won't apparently be any use. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa this week summed up Israel's expectations from Middle East peace talks as "nonsense."

This sudden passionate Arab support for Yasser Arafat looks suspicious, for the precisely-coordinated Egyptian and Syrian belligerence looks and sounds as though it has been in the works for some time.

The explanation comes from Tantawi's apprehension over what he sees as the real danger facing his armed forces should they choose to attack Israel.

Egypt's problem? In the event of Arab military attack it believes Israel has the capacity to launch a nuclear response.

Complaints about Israel's nuclear capacity were aired repeatedly during the days of the Rabin and Peres administration, while their moves to grant Palestinian rights were greeted with benign smiles of approval.

The complex military maneuvers Syria and Egypt are carrying out take a long time to plan. It's clear they haven't simply been cooked up during the few months since Netanyahu took over the reins in Jerusalem. It was all worked out long before the Likud leader came to power.

Thus Arab excuses that Syria and Egypt are unsheathing their swords to press the Israelis to make major concessions to Arafat and to Damascus over the Golan are merely a smokescreen.

The Arabs' real intention was underlined by Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Fathi Shazli this week. Shazli said Israel could never be a "pivotal player in the Middle East since it has a historical role which can only be seen as negative in every way."

This posturing by the armies of Syria and Egypt comes as a sobering reminder to Israelis. It is the exact replica of those countries' movements prior to their onslaught against the Jewish state in 1973.

True, it's 23 years on. But it's around the same time, the same place.

The writers are authors of *The Mosaic: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.*

## POSTSCRIPTS

THE NEW YORK Times has a new address.

As part of celebrations commemorating Adolph Ochs's purchase of the Times a century ago, New York City renamed a block of West 43rd Street in his honor, changing the letterhead for a newspaper known to resist fashion and fancy.

Forthwith: *The New York Times*, Adolph S. Ochs Street, Times Square, New York.

Ochs' leadership began on August 19, 1896, the start of an era that would see the paper rise from also-ran to institution. Founded in 1851, the Times was near bankruptcy when Ochs purchased controlling ownership for \$75,000.

His first edition carried a one-paragraph announcement that Ochs, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, had become publisher. In a signed editorial, he outlined his plans for a newspaper that would "give the news impartially, without fear or favor."

He would soon launch the *Sunday Magazine* and the *Saturday Review of Books and Art*. Ochs coined the slogan, "All the News That's Fit to Print," which has appeared on the Times front page since 1897. He died in 1935.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE DERSHOWITZ COLUMN

Sir, — After reading your Sunday offering of a selection of US syndicated columns (*American Outlook*, September 8), I am compelled to comment on Alan Dershowitz's article which, though it ostensibly purports to be in support of Justice Barak, reads, in effect, more like a diatribe against the "Orthodox" in general, and the Orthodox rabbinate in particular, Alan, of whom I have always had reason to be proud, seems to have overstepped here, which is probably attributable to the perception that, as he claims, there are many among the Orthodox for whom religious authority supersedes that of the secular establishment. This, of course, does not sit well with jurists who have opted to make secular law their *raison d'être* and whose own position, as well as authority and status are thus threatened. It must, of course, be acknowledged that it is indeed true — and always has been — that for the religious person, religious belief and doctrine are overriding and supreme — that is why the pilgrims came to America. It is also true that religious citizens are generally the most law-abiding in any society; furthermore, it may justifiably be claimed that what is right, just, wise and true in the laws of Western states, is often ultimately derived from religious law and statute — and most especial-

ly from the Bible and Talmud. Dershowitz castigates those who use what he calls "hate speech" vis-à-vis Barak, yet he does not hesitate (in the foreign, US press), to refer to Jewish religious leaders and rabbis as "ayatollahs," and to suggest that it was they who caused the assassination of our late prime minister. Alan also repeats, even assumes as fact, a number of allegations that were left unproven during the lengthy investigations of the Shamgar Commission. There were no rabbis who, in fact, sanctioned violence against the late prime minister, nor are there those — I am willing to wager — who in any way would sanction or condone violence against Barak.

Finally, it should be noted that the use of the term "fundamentalist" for halachic Jews (those who follow traditional Halacha) is both offensive and inappropriate. There are indeed, sects or factions in other religions who call themselves, and are called, "fundamentalists." This is not true in Judaism, and the attempt to introduce and tar Israel's Orthodox with this term, or to malign them by comparison to fundamentalists elsewhere is unacceptable.

DR. JEANNETTE KOHN  
Herzliya.

### LAW-ABIDING PEDESTRIAN

Sir, — I had just read Greer Fay Cashman's article of September 11 ("Red cross") when I went for a walk in Jerusalem. I do not jaywalk; I was brought up in England to be law-abiding.

As I tried to cross a side-road from the main road at a traffic light, I found that the car in the lane closest to me had seen his amber light and drew up slowly and carefully — but the man in the next lane, who was far away when the first car stopped, immediately accelerated. Had I stepped out smartly, what would have happened? I can provide many more instances which were more dangerous and happened to me. I once found myself crossing, with the green light, on part of the main road (to the central island) when a large van decided to do a U-turn on to me instead of turning left past me, as he was permitted to do.

On another occasion I found my-

self having to walk in the roadway among the heavy traffic because there are drivers who need sidewalks to park their car. This is not necessarily because there are no public parking spaces available, but because the drivers are too lazy to take the extra few seconds. It is only too obvious at times when there is no likelihood at all of a traffic warden appearing. In the early evening, the sidewalk opposite a large supermarket is blocked with cars deposited higgledy-piggledy, though the market has its own car park (presumably this would entail an extra second of maneuvering) and there are empty public spaces just meters away (an extra minute's walk).

There are faults on both sides. Ms. Cashman, and we must work to eliminate both sorts.

F. GROSS  
Jerusalem.

### RECYCLING DUMPSTERS

Sir, — I live in Jerusalem. Last week, I went to Rehov Hakablan in Har Nof in order to drop off plastic bottles for recycling. I discovered to my regret that there are no longer any recycling dumpsters there for plastic bottles, glass bottles and batteries. I called the municipality and the official there told me that there were no longer any such dumpsters in the entire city.

The earth is in danger of being destroyed by the greenhouse effect. Therefore, it is necessary to recycle everything that is recyclable. Indeed, there are a lot of recycling dumpsters here for paper and also a few for cardboard, but there are none for anything else.

In every Western country, every neighborhood has recycling dumpsters for paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, plastic and batteries. We are a modern country. It is time that we should have these in all our neighborhoods too.

GAIL TURNER  
Jerusalem.

### IRREVERSIBILITY

Sir, — Supreme Court Judge Ya'acov Kadmi ruled in favor of Ms. Nahmani in the matter of the fertilized eggs and said that the process which was begun is irreversible. Does the judge not realize that his reasoning flies in the face of the court's position that the same process at a later stage is legally very much reversible when couched in terms of women's rights to an abortion?

If Ms. Nahmani were able to carry the fetus herself and decided later to have an abortion, what would Judge Kadmi say then about irreversibility?

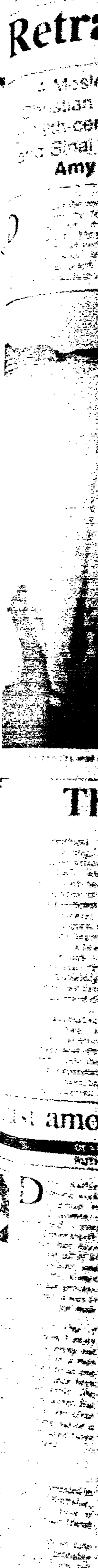
ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ  
Eilat.

### AVIV GEFEN

Sir, — I am not sure that that unfunny clown, Aviv Gefen, hasn't done more harm to Israel by calling on the youth of the country to leave than that fanatic, Yigal Amir. Gefen has betrayed all those who have laid down their lives for Israel, including our proud Israeli son.

To be ostracized by all Israelis is too lenient a punishment for Aviv Gefen. He should be excised for the traitor he is.

ROSE SCHAFFER  
Haifa.





# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Government to study IBA privatization

DAVID HARRIS

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has ordered in-depth reviews of activities of the nation's electronic media, including levels of advertising on all channels and the possible privatization of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Before leaving for Europe, Netanyahu asked Communications Minister Limor Livnat to present proposals to the cabinet for the restructuring of radio and television, including more advertising.

Companies will welcome the possibility of advertising their products on Channel 1, according to Dudu Gilboa, who until last month headed Israel Television's news department and now works for Ima Shalom Public Relations.

"Advertisers will gain the fruits with lower prices," he said, pointing out that while higher ratings are guaranteed on Channel 2, some firms would look to target an audience watching quality programs.

However, he says Channel 2 will vigorously resist such a move, even considering an appeal to the High Court of Justice.

There is a need "to carry out a new investigation of all areas of the electronic media in Israel, with the aim of giving expression to the multifaceted cultures in its pluralist society," Netanyahu said in a communique.

He has also asked Tel Aviv University Cinema and Television department head Amnon Zukerman to head a committee, which will consider possible legal and structural changes in the IBA, and their subsequent impact on the communications industry in general.

A second committee, with an as yet unnamed chairman, will also be established to examine ways of increasing Jewish views in Israel's radio broadcasts.

"Currently, Channel 2 and the cable stations are monopolies, yet at the same time in competition with each other," Zukerman said. "We want to encourage increased competition but to ensure the preservation of public service broadcasting."

While Netanyahu and Livnat have made clear their support for the IBA's privatization, the prime minister is not insisting that the Zukerman committee recommend the sale of the state-run company.

The committee, which met for the first time on Tuesday, will consider wholesale and partial privatization, or retaining IBA in the public sector, said Zukerman.

The Zukerman committee will report in six months.

## \$390m. in IAI guarantees okayed

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee approved some \$390 million worth of government guarantees for Israel Aircraft Industries yesterday, with the reluctant support of both sides of the political spectrum.

Meanwhile, IAI chairman Yanosh Ben-Gal told the committee that his goal is to privatize the company within three years, since this is the only way to truly revitalize the IAI.

However, he said, the Prime Minister's Office has asked him not to take any concrete steps in this direction for the time being, since the government first wants to decide on basic principles for privatizing the defense industries.

The guarantees approved yesterday consisted of \$230m. for ongoing bank loans, \$50m. for the Galaxy executive jet project and NIS354m. to guarantee the pensions of 500 workers who are to take early retirement this year.

The \$230m. replaces \$130m. in existing guarantees, however, so it represents only \$100m. in new money.

The \$230m. is part of a comprehensive deal between IAI and the banks. Under this deal, the banks will give the company an eight-year, \$330m. loan, with a two-year

grace period with which to repay its current outstanding loans. They will also lend IAI \$120m. in new money and release the funds the firm had deposited as collateral.

In return, the banks will get a lien on all of IAI's assets, and a controller appointed by the banks will oversee the company's operations. The state, in addition to providing the \$230m. in guarantees, will increase the company's shareholder equity by \$122m., of which \$85m. will come from converting loans given in 1995-96 into grants.

The guarantee for the Galaxy project was demanded by the US firm, which is investing \$50m. in a joint venture to produce and market the plane. It is to be paid if IAI fails to produce a working model of the plane and get it approved by the US Federal Aviation Authority by the end of 1998.

The government's chief scientist advised giving the guarantee, saying the company has a good chance of meeting the deadline, and in any case this is the only chance to save the project.

The pension guarantees stem from a 1993 recovery plan which

called for retiring 500 workers this year. Under this plan, it was agreed that the NIS425m. cost of the extra pensions would be split equally between the company and the state. The NIS354m. is to ensure that the workers get their money even if the company cannot pay its half.

The guarantees were approved with only one negative vote, from Michael Kleiner (Likud), who charged that the "recovery plan" appeared to be no such thing, and that the company seemed likely to be asking the committee for more money in another few months.

"It's unreasonable to approve such high sums when they haven't even shown us the light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

However, many of the MKs who voted in favor, such as Avi Yehezkel (Labor) and Haim Oron (Meretz), expressed the same reservations.

"The committee simply had no choice," Oron said. "Failure to approve [the guarantees] would halt the recovery process and lead to the company's liquidation."

Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (UTJ), however, was more optimistic.

"I'm giving IAI a chance," he said. "In my opinion, with the plan as it stands now, they can operate the company, progress and even achieve good results."

In addition to the guarantees approved yesterday, IAI has already received some \$475m. worth of government guarantees, including \$75m. for the Amos satellite and \$320m. for a previous round of early retirements.

In addition, the government has promised it \$410m. worth of guarantees to upgrade fighter planes for the Turkish Air Force, though this deal has not yet been signed.

Steve Rodan adds: IAI director-general Moshe Keret said the company's cash flow problem stemmed from a decision by local banks in February 1995 to reduce their credit line from \$330m. to \$110m. Moreover, some of the funds that arrived at IAI were diverted for collateral.

"So, we were missing this money until the agreement," Keret said. "It took longer than expected. Now, the approval by Knesset means we can repay our suppliers."

Keret said IAI's debt to its suppliers, as well as the cost of the loan guarantees, totals less than \$200m.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Customs and VAT officials to help Palestinian counterparts: Senior Customs and VAT department officials agreed yesterday to help their Palestinian counterparts develop their investigations section.

The call for help was made by the head of the PA Customs Authority Nasser Tahbub during a meeting with his Israeli colleague Aryeh Zaif and Zaif's deputy Ami Segal, who has special responsibility for investigations.

The two sides agreed there is a need for cooperation, including the provision by Israel of training courses for Palestinian investigation officers.

In the coming weeks, Israel will deliver to the PA a list of people suspected of violating customs laws, including presentation of forged receipts and the storage of smuggled goods, Zaif said after the meeting. A similar list is currently being compiled by the PA for action in Israel.

David Harris

Expert warns Ben-Gurion 2000 project must not be delayed: An international expert in airports yesterday warned that if the new Ben-Gurion 2000 was not developed as quickly as possible, there could be dire repercussions for the entire economy.

Oris Dunham, the director-general of Airport Council International, made his remarks during a visit to the airport yesterday.

He said the crowding at the present terminal was already negatively affecting tourism, and that businessmen would also begin to shun the airport.

He said opposition to airport expansion was common throughout the world, but in the end the expansion took place and the opposition only resulted in lost time and money.

Haim Shapiro

## Arab states agree to cross-list shares

BEIRUT (Reuters) - The Lebanese, Egyptian and Kuwaiti stock exchanges signed an accord yesterday to begin cross-listing shares next year, and officials said they hoped the Bahraini, Omani and Moroccan exchanges would soon join the deal.

Kuwaiti Stock Exchange director-general Hisham Oteibi said the accord could lead to the creation of "one huge Arab stock exchange."

The heads of the three exchanges and the secretary-general of the Union of Arab Stock Exchanges, who signed the accord, will set up a committee to draft regulations for the three markets in accordance with international standards.

"The Arab investor will have an easier time investing, transferring and securing his investment under this legal umbrella," Oteibi said. "Cross-listing will take place as soon as we create a unified clearing, settlement and custody institution and provide cross agreements between brokerage firms. That's exactly the job of the committee."

Oteibi said a bill opening Kuwaiti markets to foreign investors would be a priority on the agenda of the new Kuwaiti parliament to be elected on October 7. "We have started taking steps

towards allowing foreign investors to trade in Kuwaiti shares and the bill is in the corridors of the parliament," he said. "After the October 7 elections, it will be voted."

Sa'iq Rukeibi, secretary-general of the Union of Arab Stock Exchanges, had said he expected cross-listing to start in 1997.

Officials said the agreement would guarantee in its first stage a free flow of updated information to investors and dealers in the three markets.

It follows an initial accord in April between Egypt's Capital Markets Authority and the Kuwait Stock Exchange.

"We hope that the stock exchanges of Bahrain, Sultanate of Oman, and Morocco will join us soon in this agreement," Oteibi said. "If we open up for all these stock exchanges we would be creating one huge Arab stock exchange."

Lebanon's acting Finance Minister Fouad Siniora said the agreement would eventually activate Beirut's financial markets and attract Arab investment in the country.

The market capitalization of the Egyptian exchange is \$10.5 billion and the Kuwait bourse's is \$18b.

## 18% drop in summer hotel stays by foreigners

Eilat hoteliers warn deterioration in security would harm winter season

THERE was an 18-percent drop in the number of bed nights in hotels by foreigners in July and August, but this was compensated in part by Israelis staying in hotels, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday.

According to the bureau, bed nights by Israelis rose 9% during July and August from the same months last year, resulting in a drop of only 3% in the number of hotel bed nights during the summer.

However, since there were 4% more hotel rooms, the average drop in occupancy rates was 6%-7%. In Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, which both depend on foreign tourism, the overall drop in bed nights was 12%

and 8% respectively.

In Eilat, where most guests in the summer are Israelis, there were 11% fewer bed nights by foreign tourists and 12% more bed nights by Israelis, resulting in 9% more overall bed nights than last summer.

The Hotel Association said yesterday it saw in the summer's statistics a sign of hope that the drop in the number of tourists visiting Israel was beginning to ease up. The association pointed out that there was a decrease of 14% in the number of foreign bed nights in August, compared to a drop of 22% during July and 15% in June.

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Meanwhile, Eilat's hoteliers denied widespread press reports that the town was in a tourist slump, but at the same time warned that their positive prognosis for the coming winter season depended on the security situation and the way Israel appeared in the media.

In a special press conference in Tel Aviv earlier this week, held following numerous reports of lagging occupancy rates for the holidays, Eilat Hotel Association Chairman Aharon Dekel said that Eilat expected about 190,000 visitors from abroad during 1996-1997 season, compared to 173,000 last year.

An average of 48 flights a week are expected. Of these, 40 flights a week are to be direct charter flights to Uvda Airfield, with the remainder El Al continuing flights via Ben-Gurion Airport.

Last year tourism to Eilat suffered not only as a result of the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, terrorist attacks and fighting in Lebanon, but also due to an earthquake. Tourism sources abroad stressed that predictions would only be fulfilled if the security situation remained quiet.

The Tourism Ministry and the Eilat Hotel Association are investing \$3 million in a marketing campaign abroad, which began earlier this month.

## Osem to buy Tnuva ice cream plant

OSEM Industries has signed an agreement in principle to buy 51 percent of Tnuva's ice cream plant for \$30 million, the company informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

According to the agreement, the two firms will establish a new company to develop and distribute ice cream. The new firm will consolidate the activities of Tena Noga and Snowcrest, which merged several months ago.

The new firm is expected to take advantage of the Swiss Nestle company's know-how and

advanced production techniques and add Nestle's products to Tnuva's ice cream line. Nestle invested in Osem earlier this year.

The new firm will pay Tnuva about \$30m. for Snowcrest and Tena Noga's assets. The annual sales turnover of Snowcrest and Tena Noga are estimated at \$50m. Together, the two firms hold about 30% of the ice cream market. The transaction is subject to the monopolies

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and mergers commissioner at the Industry and Trade Ministry. Osem's announcement led to a 2.5% rise in the company's shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Osem and Tnuva started negotiations about six months ago in reaction to the growing competition in the local ice cream market. During the last few years, the local market has suffered from the entry of various US and EU importers, including Ben & Jerry's and, more recently, Haagen Dazs.

## Contractors to seek other sources of capital in NY

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A DELEGATION of contractors and builders wants to explore alternative sources of capital to back real estate projects at the October Business Conference in New York, following local banks' exhaustion of their lending ability to the sector.

The delegation, headed by Association of Contractors and Builders in Israel president Mordechai Yona, will include two advisers - former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Jerusalem Bank deputy chairman David Blumberg.

The delegation will attempt to raise capital for the construction sector, especially long-term capital.

According to the Bank of Israel's regulations, banks can only extend more than 20 percent of their credit portfolio to any one sector if they set aside provisions for doubtful debt. It is estimated that the banks' existing credit backing to the sector has reached 22% of the banks' total credit portfolio.

Previously, Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles warned the banks that new limitations will be imposed if they continue to exceed the 20% limitation.

At the conference, the participants plan to encourage investors to invest in the local real estate field.

The delegation is scheduled to meet with senior representatives of many US firms, as well as financial institutions that have expressed interest in investing in projects. The delegation will also meet with public companies that have expressed interest in helping develop land in areas of high demand.

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**Invitation for Offers to Purchase Land near the Shefayim Interchange**

1. Offers are invited for the purchase of an area of 24 dunams, consisting of:  
(a) Approx. 12 dunams, registered as Parcel 25 in Block 7699  
(b) Approx. 12 dunams, which are 50% of Parcel 26 in Block 7699  
Only offers for the purchase of both properties, and not each property separately, will be considered.

2. The property is located 0.8 km. east of the Shefayim interchange. To the south and east it is adjacent to the area known as the Ronit Farm. The bidder will have to check, on his own responsibility, the physical features and the planning, utilization and other possibilities of the property.

3. The property will be sold 'as is' to the highest bidder. The minimum price has been set at \$1,300,000, in accordance with a valuation by a licensed land assessor. An information kit which contains, inter alia, a copy of the valuation, abstracts of title, area maps, conditions of contract of sale, powers of attorney of the owners and boundaries of the property is available at the office of the undersigned against payment of New Israeli Shekels 100 (non-refundable).

4. Offers must be submitted in writing not later than Tuesday, October 15, 1996, at 12 noon at the office of the undersigned, accompanied by a personal check made out to the order of the undersigned, for 10% of the bid price. The check will be refunded if the bid is rejected. If the offer is accepted, but the bidder refuses to sign the sale contract, the amount will be forfeited as agreed liquidated damages. The Tender Law does not apply. The owners of the property will not pay a commission.

5. The undersigned is not obligated to accept the highest or any bid. The undersigned reserves the right to negotiate with bidders or others or to conduct an 'auction' among the highest bidders.

Uriel Gorney, Advocate  
on behalf of the owners of the property  
1 King David Blvd., Tel Aviv  
Tel. 03-6962126, Fax. 03-6969737

| ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS                            |          |          |           |        |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96) |          |          |           |        |
| Currency (deposit for)                           | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |        |
| U.S. dollar (\$250,000)                          | 4.750    | 5.000    | 5.375     | 3.1710 |
| Pound sterling (£100,000)                        | 3.875    | 4.000    | 4.250     | 4.9572 |
| German mark (DM 200,000)                         | 1.825    | 1.825    | 2.125     | 0.8207 |
| Swiss franc (SF 250,000)                         | 0.825    | 0.750    | 1.000     | 2.8774 |
| Yen (10 million yen)                             |          |          |           |        |

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

| Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (25.9.96) |                      |        |           |        |             |
|--|----------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Currency basket                          | CHECKS AND TRANSFERS |        | BANKNOTES |        | Rep. Rate** |
|  | Buy                  | Sell   | Buy       | Sell   |             |
| U.S. dollar                              | 3.5242               | 3.5811 | 3.24      | 3.5541 | 3.5541      |
| German mark                              | 3.1432               | 3.1999 | 3.08      | 3.24   | 3.1710      |
| Pound sterling                           | 2.0895               | 2.1192 | 2.04      | 2.15   | 2.1018      |
| French franc                             | 4.3158               | 4.3949 | 4.25      | 4.57   | 4.9572      |
| Japanese yen (100)                       | 0.8162               | 0.8282 | 0.80      | 0.84   | 0.8207      |
| Dutch florin                             | 2.8585               | 2.9047 | 2.80      | 2.95   | 2.8774      |
| Swiss franc                              | 1.8599               | 1.8998 | 1.82      | 1.92   | 1.8744      |
| Denmark krone                            | 2.6540               | 2.6952 | 2.61      | 2.64   | 2.6744      |
| Swedish krona                            | 0.4798               | 0.4876 | 0.47      | 0.50   | 0.4829      |
| Norwegian krone                          | 0.4882               | 0.4961 | 0.47      | 0.51   | 0.4819      |
| Danish leone                             | 0.5428               | 0.5518 | 0.53      | 0.58   | 0.5489      |
| Finland mark                             | 0.6948               | 0.7081 | 0.68      | 0.72   | 0.7002      |
| Canadian dollar                          | 2.2598               | 2.3399 | 2.25      | 2.37   | 2.3210      |
| Australian dollar                        | 2.4838               | 2.5207 | 2.44      | 2.58   | 2.5202      |
| S. African rand                          | 1.0128               | 3.0119 | 2.91      | 2.14   | 2.0948      |
| Belgian franc (10)                       | 0.6982               | 0.7075 | 0.68      | 0.71   | 0.7022      |
| Austrian schilling (10)                  | 1.0128               | 1.0292 | 0.99      | 1.05   | 1.0208      |
| Italian lira (1000)                      | 2.9540               | 3.0119 | 2.91      | 3.08   | 2.9828      |
| Jordanian dinar                          | 2.0754               | 2.1089 | 2.05      | 2.14   | 2.0948      |
| Egyptian pound                           | 4.3700               | 4.6700 | 4.37      | 4.67   | 4.6870      |
| EU                                       | 0.3800               | 0.3700 | 0.38      | 0.37   | 0.3898      |
| Irish punt                               | 3.9778               | 4.0420 | 3.95      | 4.21   | 4.0658      |
| Spanish peseta (100)                     | 5.0541               | 5.1367 | 4.98      | 5.21   | 5.0980      |
|  | 2.4795               | 2.5195 | 2.43      | 2.58   | 2.4998      |

\*These rates vary according to bank. \*\*Bank of Israel.  
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**BEZEQ, The Israel Telecommunications Corp. Ltd.**

Bezeq invites bids for the supply of the following goods:

| Tender No.  | Description  | Option                            | Last Date for Submitting Bids | Cost of Tender Documents | Tel. for Inquiry |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
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| 08/96/01000 | Cable Connection Cabinet                               | ***                               | 5.11.96 at 6 p.m.             | NIS 1,000                | 02-3956228/228   |

1. The tender documents may be perused at the Orders Department, 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem, Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

2. Pre-conditions:  
a. Compliance with all laws, including the requirement to keep account books, be an authorized trader, hold valid licenses to trade, and comply with all relevant standard specifications.  
b. Willingness to provide a guarantee, as explained in the tender documents.  
c. Pre-conditions as stated in the tender documents.

3. The tender documents may be obtained from the Purchasing Unit of the Tenders and Orders Department, 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem (Room 607 or 808), Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. The tender documents are in Hebrew. Bids must be submitted quoting shekel prices only. The tender documents will be provided on submitting a receipt of payment for NIS 1,000. In Israel, payment should be made into Bezeq's Postal Bank account no. 5-311757.

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4. Bids should be placed in the tenders box at 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem, not later than November 5, 1996, at 6 p.m.

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6. Bids sent by fax or telegram will not be considered.

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CDM/Morganti wishes to procure the construction services of U.S., Palestinian or Israeli Well Construction firms with relevant past experience and good financial standing for the purpose of constructing Water Supply and Monitoring wells and ancillaries for the Palestinian Water Authority's Water Resources Program Under the Municipal Services Project, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and assisted by CDM/Morganti. The separate bids are:

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**Bid No. 294-0021-C-00-6560-00-30 Water Supply Wells, Hebron-Bethlehem area in the West Bank.**  
Constructing pairs of water supply wells, 350 to 850 meters deep, at three different sites in the Hebron-Bethlehem area of the West Bank, between November 29, 1996 and March 31, 1997.

**Bid No. 294-0021-C-00-6560-00-50 Water Supply Wells, Jenin, Nablus and Ramallah area in the West Bank.**  
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Deadline for submitting the pre-qualification documents will be October 1, 1996.

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Euro bourses end sharply higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses ended up 1.6%, recovering from three days of losses and taking heart from gains in US Treasury bonds after the rate decision.

"There has been obvious relief that the Fed did nothing and we have seen a few buyers again this morning," said one trader.

In the previous three sessions the FTSE Index dropped some 64 points from its near-record high of 3,974.3 on September 19.

Some traders saw the market's strength continuing. "The UK is... close to a golden scenario, being good value and backed by the strongest economic growth in Europe," said Robin Griffiths, charpt specialist at HSBC James Capel.

But the US decision to leave interest rates unchanged disappointed some investors, who feared US rates will have to be raised even more later, traders said.

Paris shares ended up over 1%, lifting the CAC Index to a close above the 2,100 level, on investor relief at the American decision to hold interest rates.

"It looks like the Fed's move gives the bourse a month and a half of breathing space," until after the US presidential election, a trader said.

The dollar staged something of a recovery after falling by a pfenig against the mark when the failure to raise rates disappointed Forex traders.

The mark's slide against most European currencies and yen weakness helped underpin the dollar as it recovered from the sell-off caused by the "no-change" in interest rates.

Optimism about European monetary union (EMU), as well as weak German inflation data, weighed on the mark.

"The mark's continued weakness is most directly related to a market coming to terms with the realities of the push to EMU," said Peter von Maydell, senior currency economist at UBS.

In London, Europe's biggest

Blue-chip stocks edge up

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - US Reserve decided to hold interest rates steady.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 3.33 points at 5,877.36.

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Table of currency cross-rates for Mark, Sterling, Yen, Sfr, Ffr.

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# Mac. Tel Aviv agonizes again

## Tenerife gets 1-1 draw to reach UEFA Cup second round

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THE ashen demeanor of the face of Maccabi Tel Aviv coach Avraham Grant portrayed the tale of his side following its 1-1 draw against Spain's Tenerife in last night's stirring UEFA Cup first round, second-leg encounter at the National Stadium, that saw the Tel Avivians exit the competition 4-3 on aggregate losers.

Once again Maccabi ended agonizingly close to registering a spectacular victory in Europe, but as in previous years against FC Bruges, Weder Bremen, Grasshopper Zurich and in last month's bout against Fenerbahce of Istanbul, Israel's top club side just could not summon the solitary goal that would have carried it through to the next round.

The Israelis made the naive mistake of falling behind the end of a lethargic first period, but were restored to life by one of the best goals goals seen at Ramat Gan for many a year, by Gadi Brumer in the 49th minute. From then on, the match turned into a breathless contest as Maccabi powered forward against the visitors.

Armed with two precious away goals scored in the first leg played in Tenerife, Maccabi's task was simply to register a 1-0 or 2-1 result to get into Friday's draw that would have placed it in the hat against the likes of crack sides like Newcastle United and Valencia.

Although Grant defended his match tactics after the game, the Israelis paid the price at the end of the first half for surrendering the initiative to the Spaniards, who were then able to dictate the flow of the play.

The Tel Avivians contented themselves with letting Tenerife come forward to within the 35-meter range before meeting the visitors head on. As a result, Tel Aviv's most dangerous plays came from breakaway moves from deep in its defense rather than purposeful attacking build ups.

After Maccabi had weathered several scares from the Spanish attack, it came as little surprise when its back line was expertly dissected in the 44th minute through a subtle wall pass move between Minjanbres Felipe and Dorado Vivar that enabled Vivar to plant the ball beyond Alexander Obarov to put his side 1-0 ahead.

For the second time in this tie, Maccabi conceded a first goal in the dying moments of the first half. Tenerife went 1-0 in the first leg in added time of the first half in the first leg two weeks ago.

The mood amongst the 15,000

supporters on the terraces during the break was totally defeatist, as the aggregate scoreline stood at 4-2 in the visitors' favor.

Grant's men were made of stern stuff, however, and came out of the tunnel full of fight for the next 45 minutes.

Three minutes after the restart, an adventurous run by Nir Sivilia on the left wing ended with the ball at the feet of Ya'acov Hillel whose shot thundered against the windings on the left of Marcelo Ojeda's goal after sailing close to the post.

Then came Brumer's bombshell from over 30 meters. An innocent enough looking ball came on the bounce to the young center-half who unleashed a shot that seemed to employ the latest cruise missile technology as it hurtled in a split second into the back of Oreja's net. The goal was among the best scored in a night of action across Europe.

Brumer's strike changed the whole complexion of the match, as suddenly the Tel Avivians began to believe that they could seize the winner. A mere two minutes later, Eli Driks should have done just that as he was put through with just Ojeda to beat. The Maccabi veteran's shot was saved by the sprawling Tenerife goalkeeper and Driks sent the rebound goalwards again only to be denied once more by the athletic Ojeda.

By now the atmosphere was electric as the previously subdued crowd bayed the Tel Avivians on.

In the 58th minute Sivilia had a great opportunity to put the hosts ahead from short range but fired wide as the Canary Islanders began to panic in defense.

German-born coach Jup Heinekes made a double substitution bringing on Australian Haurellio Vidmar to replace the ineffectual Bosnian striker Mejo Kodro upfront, and added Oliver Neuville in place of Antonio Pinilla in midfield. The fresh legs bolstered the visitors but Brumer threatened again in the 65th minute as he made an incisive run up the left flank only to see his crisp shot gathered by Ojeda.

Tenerife showed that it still had some fire of their own as Felipe and Neuville both carved out scoring opportunities, but the pressure was clearly on the Spaniards. Grant threw Ofer Mizrahi and Haim Hajaj into the fray in place of Sivilia and the disappointing Boris Metveev. Hajaj's speed clearly aided but Mizrahi did little



TOE-TO-TOE TUSSLE - Maccabi Tel Aviv's Ya'acov Hillel fights for the ball against Tenerife's Minjanbres Felipe. (Reuters)

to justify his introduction. As the clock ticked away, the Tel Avivians continued to stream forward. In the 79th minute Hillel disbelievably buried his head in hands after Ojeda managed to pull off a miraculous diving save at the foot of his right post to deny the Tel Aviv full back.

The dying moments saw both sides come close, as Antonio Mata and then Felipe came close for Primero leaguers. In the 88th minute the visitors took no chances setting up a wall of four men for a 35-meter range free kick from Gadi Brumer which ended in Oreja's hands.

In the final minute, Ojeda provided salvation again, fending a Driks header from an Avi Nimni free kick which confirmed Tel Aviv's bitter destiny. Tenerife's coach, Jup Heinekes, was clearly satisfied with the outcome of the tie, but it was only after several tense moments during the match that he and the rest of the Spanish side knew they had managed to make it to the next round of the competition.

"We realized Maccabi would be a very tough side to overcome and that it would be complicated, but we defended well and managed to gain the result we needed," Heinekes said.

Maccabi coach Avraham Grant was in very somber mood after the match. "I am deeply disappointed at the result, but I wouldn't have

played this match any other way," he said dejectedly.

Asked whether he should have played a different tactical game in the first half, Grant said he would have done it the same way all over again: "We played exactly as we should have done," he stated.

Borussia Moenchengladbach 3 Arsenal 2

In Cologne, Polish striker Andrzej Juskowiak scored twice in Borussia Moenchengladbach's win, which carried the German side into the second round of the UEFA Cup.

Arsenal, 3-2 down after the first leg of the first-round tie in England, turned in a battling performance but could not quite turn the match around.

Juskowiak gave Moenchengladbach a dream start with a 23rd-minute strike after a defense-splitting pass from captain Stefan Effenberg.

But Arsenal fought back with goals from Ian Wright and Paul Merson either side of the interval in a pulsating tie.

Effenberg, the German side's outstanding player, put Moenchengladbach level in the 75th minute with a well-placed shot but Arsenal continued to take the game to the home team, knowing one goal could take the match into extra-time.

Juskowiak took advantage of gaps in the Arsenal defense to hit his second in the 89th minute.

# CSKA seeks to ruin Maccabi's Euro home opener

BRIAN FREEMAN

CSKA MOSCOW comes into tonight's Euro League game against host Maccabi Tel Aviv at a crossroads.

Is the club on course to return to its glory days, when the mere name of the team sent shivers through every opponent? Or is CSKA too overwhelmed by the high spending of other clubs to keep up with the new powerhouses of Europe?

On the one hand, CSKA, winner of four European titles, has successfully rebuilt itself. The team emerged from a demise following the fall of the Soviet Union to reach the European quarter-finals two seasons ago and then the coveted Final Four last season.

But the fine core of Russian players that made up those teams has been stripped away, and the \$1.8 million budget is too small to sign marquee European or foreign players.

Gene are starters Vassilij Karashev (to Efes Pilsen), Evgeny Kissurine (to Cibona Zagreb), Gundars Vetra (to Galatasaray of Turkey) and Julius Nwosu (signed with the Boston Celtics).

These players, who lost in last season's European semifinals to eventual champion Panathinaikos, were four of the team's top five scorers and included its top two rebounders.

However, those losses have been offset somewhat by the addition of Russian national team point guard Serguei Bazarevich, super-forward Valeri Daineko (both from Dynamo Moscow), and Alexandre Goutorov from Volgograd.

Daineko was the third leading scorer at 22.5 points a game in last season's secondary European Cup tournament and Bazarevich was the top playmaker with an 8.0 assist average. Together, they led Dynamo Moscow to a place in the semifinals before losing to eventual champion Tauwag.

Returning from last year's CSKA squad is guard Igor Koudelin, who was the team's main threat from three-point range last season at 48 percent (59-123) during the championships.

However, in CSKA's 72-67 loss last week to Panionios in Athens

in their Euro League opener, Koudelin was only 2-9 (22.2%) from behind the arc and the team was a dismal 3-18 (16.7%). This was in sharp contrast to one of the team's strengths last season, when it averaged seven three-pointers out of 16 attempts (43.8%) each game.

The other main returnees are frontcourt players Serguei Panov (who led CSKA with 19 points and 7 rebounds in the loss to Panionios), Nikita Morgunov and Andrej Komez.

Head coach Stenislav Yarinmaz, who was a star point guard for the team in his playing days and is now in his fifth year at the helm, has made it clear the sweeping changes make it difficult for the team to gel.

This problem is exacerbated by the clubs' two new Americans, Marcus Webb and Edmond Wilson, who both had CBA experience last season but are still rounding into shape.

Webb scored only 11 points in 19 minutes of play in the loss to Panionios. Wilson, who was only recently signed, did not even play in that game.

Center Igor Kourashev has also returned, but is injured and did not make the trip to Tel Aviv with the team.

Maccabi, fresh off its opening win last week in Limoges despite a less-than-stellar performance, hopes to improve on its play in its first home game of the Euro League. In addition to the backing of an expected sold-out crowd, the health of Derek Sharp, who was injured last week and did not play, has improved significantly.

Maccabi is 7-4 all-time against CSKA in the championships, including the 1977 victory in Vitoria that not only put Maccabi "on the map" as a basketball power but also transformed the team into a symbol of Jewish triumph.

CSKA is seeking its first win in only its third game at Yad Eliahu (before 1988 the games were played in a neutral site in Europe because the Soviets refused to host Maccabi or allow its teams to play in Israel).

The game is scheduled to be broadcast live on Channel 1 starting at 8:45 p.m.

# Hapoel Jerusalem pummels Racing Paris, 80-74

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

THE last time Racing Paris saw Jerusalem, it was on the wrong end of an Adi Gordon overtime jump shot that clinched a 92-91 victory for Jerusalem in 1991. Last night it was teammate Dan Binghamer who supplied the late heroics, as coach Pini Gershon's club solidified its position in its group with an 80-74 triumph over the undermanned French squad.

The victory gave Jerusalem a 2-0 record in its group, and a good chance to advance to the next round in the tournament.

Racing Paris coach Chris Singleton could be excused for seeing triple at the end of the first half. In one of his most potent offensive displays ever, Hapoel hit seven of 11 three-pointers in the stanza to take a 56-42 lead, led by Binghamer, who had two in the first 2:20 of play.

That's when he and Racing's Richard Dacoury - the 37-year-old former Limoges star familiar to Maccabi Tel Aviv fans - were having a personal shootout, with the wily Frenchman hitting his club's first 10 points vs. Binghamer's nine.

However, while Dacoury was supplying all of his team's offense early, Hapoel had other weapons in its arsenal, and three-pointers by Motti Daniel, Papi Turgeman and Doron Shefa in quick succession boosted Jerusalem to an early 27-22 lead.

After Shefa scored again to give Jerusalem a 33-24 advantage, the game suddenly shifted when Dacoury was called for a flagrant foul and then tossed out with just over seven minutes left, for getting overly physical with Hapoel's Pini Levy under the boards.

The loss of the red-hot Dacoury hurt the French badly, while Levy, having already disposed of Dacoury, also had some fine baskets underneath and two superb passes, the second setting up Billy Thompson for a dunk underneath that made it 45-28 with four minutes left.

Thanks to hard work by Thompson and Binghamer, Jerusalem controlled the boards 13-6, despite the presence of former NBA player J.R. Reid, helping explain their 56-42 halftime bulge.

However, Jerusalem fans have every right to wonder what happened in the second half. Apparently tired after having to play its fourth game in less than two weeks, coach Pini Gershon's club seemed to wilt in the second stanza as Racing Paris - playing without injured former Laker guard Sedale Threatt and two other starters - put up a fight worthy of the French Foreign Legion.

Led by forward Richard Rischer (23 points, 13 in the second half) and outstanding point guard Laurent Sciarra, the French tightened up their defense and watched Jerusalem fritter away the lead. Two quick threes by reserve Frank Meriguet got them within eight, while Reid and Rischer controlled the boards.

Meanwhile, Hapoel's powder went dry, with no one able to hit a shot, except of all Shefa, who misfired several times to put Racing back in the race.

Reserve guard Arsen Ade Mensah also contributed, hitting a three-pointer and then another shot before a long bomb by Rischer suddenly brought the French back from the dead at 73-72, with 2:30 left.

But Binghamer, who got the club started in the first half, jumped started them again, scoring inside and then taking a pass from Turgeman to stretch the lead to 78-74. A tired Rischer missed two key foul shots, and Thompson took a pass from Daniel for a thunderous dunk to send the fans home happy.

Still, despite the victory, Gershon has to be concerned about the second half collapse. Hapoel will have to get used to the extra burden of European play and improve its conditioning, or endure more nailbiting nights.

Binghamer led Jerusalem with 26 and while Thompson had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Papi Turgeman had six assists on the night. Reid had 16 for the losers.

## SCOREBOARD

SOCCER - English League Cup (Yesterday's second round, second leg, results): Chelsea 1, Blackpool 3 (Chelsea advances 5-4); Derby 2, Luton 2 (Luton advances 3-2); Leicester 2, Scarborough 1 (Leicester advances 4-1); Peterborough 1, Southampton 4 (Southampton advances 6-1); Portsmouth 1, Wimbledon 1 (Wimbledon advances 2-1); Queens Park Rangers 1, Swindon 3 (Swindon advances 4-3); Tottenham 3, Preston 0 (Tottenham advances 4-1); West Ham 1, Barnet 0 (West Ham advances 2-1).

# United cruises to comfortable win

MANCHESTER (Renter) - English champions Manchester United cruised to a comfortable 2-0 European Cup win over Rapid Vienna of Austria yesterday with first half goals from Ole Solskjaer and David Beckham.

The English side, outclassed in their opening Champions' League Group C match against Juventus two weeks ago, enjoyed almost total domination in the opening period against the lackluster Austrians but eased up after going two goals clear.

Norwegian Solskjaer opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he slid in a low right wing cross from Roy Keane at the far post.

Seven minutes later Beckham made it two when he took advantage of a poor back pass by Krzysztof Rajczyk, scoring on his second attempt.

Group A In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 0, Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) 1 (0-0). Score: Murat Yakin (58th).

Group B In Lodz: Widzew Lodz (Poland) 1, Atletico Madrid (Spain) 4 (2-1). Score: Widzew - Marek Cicho (45th). Atletico - Mirko Pantic (24th), Diego Simeone (32nd, 60th), Kiko (51st).

Group B In Bucharest: Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 3 (0-2). Score: Borussia Dortmund - Lars Ricken (7th), Joerg Heinrich (37th), Stephane Chapuisat (77th).

Group C In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0, Juventus (Italy) 1 (0-1). Score: Juventus - Alen Boksic (21st minute).

Group D In Trondheim: Rosenborg (Norway) 1, AC Milan (Italy) 4 (1-3). Score: Rosenborg - Trond Egil Solvick (15th). AC Milan - Marco Simone (9th, 23rd, 25th), George Weah (55th).

Group D In Glasgow: Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1, Auxerre (France) 2 (0-0). Score: Glasgow Rangers - Paul Gascoigne (71st), Auxerre - Thomas Deniau (54th, 68th).

Group A In Glasgow: Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1, Auxerre (France) 2 (0-0). Score: Glasgow Rangers - Paul Gascoigne (71st), Auxerre - Thomas Deniau (54th, 68th).

# Cards capture NL Central Division title

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The St. Louis Cardinals began the 1996 season with a new owner, manager, cleanup hitter and closer. They're ending it with a brand-new title: National League Central champions.

Ray Lankford's bases-loaded single drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh following Gary

Gaetti's tying homer and the Cardinals clinched their first division title since 1987 by beating Pittsburgh 7-1 Tuesday night.

It was the sixth division championship for new Cardinals manager Tony La Russa - his first in the NL - and St. Louis's fifth since divisional play began in

1969. St. Louis, the fifth team in 12 years to clinch a division title in Three Rivers Stadium, was shut out for six innings by Esteban Loaiza (1-3) but tied it on Gaetti's leadoff homer, his 21st.

Expos 6, Phillies 2 The visiting Montreal Expos kept pace in the NL wild-card

race, stopping a four-game losing streak by beating Philadelphia behind Rondell White's two-run double.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

SERGEI Hanukaev leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in a concert today (1) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem playing the suite Rome by Bizet, and Mordechai Seter's Hagit white mezzo-soprano Svetlana Sandler sings arias by Handel, Tchaikovsky and Verdi.

Tomorrow (11 a.m.) at the Ticho House annex of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, cellist Alexander Sinielnikov, violinist Yuri Glukhovsky and pianist Gabriela Talrose play trios by Brahms and Mendelssohn. Saturday (8:30) soloists of the International Biblical Orchestra Hallelujah perform at the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem music by Bach, Handel and Vivaldi. Wine and cheese are served at 8.

Harpist Zvi Meniker plays Bach's Goldberg Variations Saturday (8:30) at the Jerusalem Music Center as part of the annual Early Music Workshop.

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra helps celebrate the Haifa Film Festival with musical selections from Star Wars, Gone with the Wind, Exodus, Lawrence of Arabia, Dr. Zhivago, E.T., Indiana Jones and others. While the orchestra plays, excerpts from the films will be projected on huge screens. Saturday (8:30) at the Haifa Auditorium.

OPERA

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

RON Weidberg's Metamorphosis, based on Kafka's short story, features in the Acce Theater Fringe Festival. Performed by the Musica Nova Ensemble and with a gallery of singing actors, it will be staged Saturday (8), Sunday (4 and 8), Monday (4 and 8) and Tuesday (8).

HAIFA FILM FESTIVAL

ADINA HOFFMAN

GREGORY La Cava's Stage Door (1937) features Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers, Eve Arden, a young Lucille Ball and many others as theatrical hopefuls who board together at New York's Footlights Club and pass the time between



The Haifa Film Festival features Katharine Hepburn in 'Stage Door.'

auditions lolling in the parlor and trading catty jibes. One of the director's better-known films, its spiked dialogue and spontaneous performances still seem remarkably fresh today, and its combination of sly wit and looming sadness serve as a fine introduction to La Cava's work, which is featured in a special retrospective at this year's festival. (Saturday 9:30 p.m., Haifa Cinematheque)

Spanish director Alejandro Amenabar's Thesis is a black but lively thriller about a Madrid student whose academic research on violence in the Cinema becomes life-threatening when he uncovers a ring of snuff filmmakers shooting their murderous movies at her very own university. While its dark commentary on voyeurism and movie-gore rings a little disingenuous, considering the thrill-and-chill techniques that Amenabar himself appropriates with such apparent glee, the picture is fun in a twisted way.

If anything, it serves as an ironic stab at the academy and the distance that film theorists often try to maintain between their ideas and their gut reactions. (Saturday, 11 p.m., Haifa Cinematheque)

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

DANCE buffs can enjoy the televised version of Inta Umri ("You Are My Life"), the dance work of Liat Dror and Nir Ben Gal performed by their own company and danced to the music of legendary Arab singer Umm Kulthum, tomorrow (10:30 p.m.) and Saturday (4) on the Discovery Channel. An hour earlier there is a special program about Umm Kulthum herself.

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